

# The Baptist Record

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## God Hasn't Promised A Refund

Lawson H. Cooke

A man began tithing one week, the next week he received a very generous bonus. Another man tithed on a very small salary and received an unexpected raise. A lady made a large gift to the Building Fund of the church, and in a few days she received a check for the same amount of her gift.

Such is the substance of a news story in one of our publications.

It is not our purpose to question the facts in the story or the sincerity of those involved. But, in our opinion, it would be difficult to imagine a more dangerous doctrine, or one the implications of which are less scriptural.

Nowhere in the Bible does God promise a tither a bonus or a raise or a refund. And, moreover, there are innumerable instances of tithing that did not work out that way.

To inspire such expectations in the mind of a tither, then to have those expectations not materialize, would most surely raise serious questions, and might easily weaken the person's faith in the goodness of God.

Southern Baptists are now engaged in a special effort to enlist a million tithers—a great and glorious undertaking. Its success would expend the kingdom of our Christ to undreamed of dimensions.

In promoting this great cause, however, let's place the practice of tithing upon the highest plane of spiritual consideration. Let's present tithing as a great opportunity to invest our money in our Lord's business, and as a token of our gratitude and devotion to Him, but without guarantees of bonuses and raises and refunds.

A million tithers? Great! But a million tithers tithing for righteousness sake, not for monetary rewards.

## Observe Stewardship Day In Your Church

By J. E. Dillard

This is stock-taking time. We need to know how we stand, what we aim to do, and to shape plans accordingly. It is better to face facts and make adjustments now than to shut our eyes, go ahead, and have heartaches later.

### Where We Are

We Southern Baptists have had the best financial year in our history. We have raised more than a hundred million dollars, about \$25,000,000 was for our co-operative work, over \$10,000,000 was for our Southwide causes, nearly \$4,000,000 was for World relief and rehabilitation.

### What We Need

Nevertheless a careful survey reveals that our boards and institutions are in need of buildings, equipment, and endowments. We never faced such dire need for enlargement or such challenging opportunities as now. Not less than \$30,000,000 would be required to enable us to adequately meet these needs.

### What We Seek

The Southern Baptist Convention last May adopted two goals: (1) Ten million dollars to provide for the current and immediate capital needs of the Southwide causes. (2) A million Southern Baptist tithers for Christ. It is hoped to raise the \$10,000,000 through the regular program (designated and undesignated). It is hoped a million tithers may be enrolled for their own sakes and in order to provide a permanent, dependable, systematic support for our work.

### How We Stand

In order to receive \$10,000,000 for the Southwide causes it will be necessary to raise approximately \$25,000,000 for state and Southwide causes. The Co-operative Program goals adopted (Continued on Page Two)

## Dillard Plans To Retire In June

### Executive Committee Elects McCall And Moore To Posts Of Treasurer And Secretary

NASHVILLE, (SBPA)—The surprise announcement by Dr. J. E. Dillard that he plans to retire in June highlighted the called meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention on January 22.

Dr. Dillard, director of promotion for the Executive Committee since 1936, and leader of the successful Hundred-Thousand Club which played a big

part in the payment of Southern Baptist debts, has been in ill health for the past few months, and asked to be relieved of his heavy duties, effective at the June meeting of the Committee.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETS MAY 6

Lt. Frank Tripp, Montgomery, Alabama; Dr. George Ragland, Lexington, Kentucky; and Dr. John Buchanan, Birmingham, Alabama, were named members of a committee to serve with Dr. Duke McCall in nominating a successor to Dr. Dillard and also the late Dr. Walter M. Gilmore. The nominations will be presented at the pre-convention meeting of the Executive Committee at St. Louis on May 6.

Memorial services for Dr. Gilmore, who died in Nashville on December 19, were conducted by Dr. Louie D. Newton, president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. McCall was elected treasurer, and Dr. Merrill Moore, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville, was elected recording secretary of the Executive Committee. Dr. Gilmore held both of these positions.

### DR. NEWTON PRESENTS PETITION

A petition calling on President Truman to terminate the appointment of Myron C. Taylor as his personal representative at the Vatican was presented by Dr. Newton and unanimously adopted. "The treaties with the countries contiguous to and immediately related to the Vatican having been agreed upon," the petition stated, "we earnestly and respectfully urge and petition the President of the United States to fulfill his promise, made last June, at the earliest possible date."

### EVANGELISTIC PLANS ENDORSED

The Committee unanimously endorsed the evangelistic plans for April May, and June as outlined by Dr. S. F. Lowe of the Radio Commission and Dr. C. E. Matthews, director of evangelism for the Home Mission Board.

The report of the allocations committee, which will be presented to the St. Louis convention for final approval, recommended that the percentages for the Co-operative Program remain as fixed at the Miami Convention. A \$10,000,000 mission goal for 1948 was suggested, with \$7,500,000 to be raised through the Co-operative Program and \$2,500,000 to be raised by designated gifts. It was recommended that the agencies plan their operating budget on the basis of \$4,- (Continued on Page Two)

## More Than Half Money Needed For Student Center on Hand

### TYLERTOWN LAYMAN CHALLENGES LAYMEN

By Dr. J. D. Franks

The "mail-order" campaign in interest of the proposed Baptist Student Center at M.S.C.W., which was promoted in December jointly by Dr. D. A. McCall, upon the instruction of our State Convention Board, and Dr. J. D. Franks, representing the B.S.U. at Columbus, met with a widespread response. Several hundred contributions were received, the vast majority of which were small, from one to five dollars. The total amount received to date is around \$3,000 running the total amount in hand for that purpose to about \$27,000. This leaves a balance to be raised of approximately \$23,000.

There were a few one hundred dollar donations. Mr. H. A. Scott, layman of Tylertown, who was in that group makes a suggestion that ought to meet with a hearty response from the laymen in Mississippi. He suggests the total balance sought should be easily raised by laymen giving one hundred dollars each. That is a good suggestion. Let the laymen who believe in college students, and in the (Continued on Page Two)

## Rates Religious Training First In Prevention Of Delinquency

DES MOINES, Iowa—"Boys and girls who attend Sunday school and church regularly are not likely to fall into the arms of the law as delinquent children," Lt. Ralph Brophy, head of the police juvenile bureau here, asserted.

The bureau head made the statement following a survey of the bureau's activities during 1946 which included investigation of juvenile participation in thefts, drinking of intoxicating liquors, running away from home, truancy, smoking, and vandalism.

At least 83 per cent of the children with which the police juvenile bureau had contact during 1946 were not regular attendants at any church or Sunday school, Brophy said.

Only a few of the remaining 17 per cent attended church or Sunday

school with any degree of regularity, he added.

"We cannot blame the children for (Continued on Page Two)

## Telegrams To Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

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MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION BOARD

—BAPTIST BLDG JACKSON MISS—

IMPORTANT WORKERS WE WANT AT THIS MEETING HAVE BEEN LISTED BY NAME A GLORIOUS MEETING IT WILL BE IF YOU WORKERS CAN SAY YOU CAN—

FRANK M PURSER

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MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION BOARD

BAPTIST BLDG JACKSON MISS

OUR RALLY MONDAY WITH SIX OF OUR GREATEST LEADERS ON PROGRAM CAN NOT FAIL TO BE A RICH BLESSING TO US ALL COME BY ALL MEANS—

H L MARTIN

"WHOSOEVER WILL, LET HIM COME."

## Make Every Month Baptist Record Month---57,000 Next



## A VOICE FROM MARION COUNTY

By Mark Lowry, Goss

Marion Association is alive and working. Our preachers are sharing in the broadcasting of devotionals each week-day morning at 8:15 over WCJU (1450 on the dial), the new station in Columbia. The Sunday School forces met on January 21 to launch the program for the year. The WMU rally came on the 22nd. A county-wide enlargement campaign of BTU work is scheduled for January 26-31.

In the writer's work as Goss and Cedar Grove, all organizations are doing the best they can under present weather conditions. Both churches took part in the BTU enlargement campaign. Both, also, have planned winter revivals in February. Rev. W. W. Kyzar is to preach in the meeting at Cedar Grove, February 16-21, and Rev. B. H. Benton at Goss, February 23-28. We ask that you pray for us, especially in these revivals.

Goss and Cedar Grove, in keeping with the trend of the times, are building-minded. Goss plans a remodeling program to provide needed Sunday school rooms. Cedar Grove, in the autumn, built an ample Sunday school annex. For lack of materials the work is yet incomplete, but the rooms are being used to good advantage. Best of all, it is paid for.

As for the writer himself, he has found time to write a book. It is now being printed, and the writer hopes that within a short time the book will be available in good shape and at a reasonable price. The title of the book is *Bethel in Battle*. It is a chaplain's sketch book, containing forty-six sketches, war and travel experiences, Scriptures the experiences call to mind and those Scriptures explained by one who was three and one-half years a chaplain in World War II. The prayer of the author is that his readers will be blessed in seeing more clearly the glorious lights from the different facts of the faith that is in Christ Jesus after the trial of that faith in the fires of war.

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## AUTO GIVEN COLLINS PASTOR

Collins Baptists are doers as well as hearers. Recently a representative body of the membership called on Pastor Mack Jones and to his surprise presented a new Chevrolet automobile. The presentation was made by the senior deacon, T. J. Thames. In his inimitable way Deacon James stated that the auto was in appreciation of the splendid services rendered during the past eight years.

The gift was made possible by the gifts of more than fifty families of the church.

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## DILLARD PLANS TO RETIRE IN JUNE

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000,000 receipts with the balance for capital funds. It was proposed that the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board could use capital funds for operating expenses.

No action on the proposed Western assembly was taken by the Executive Committee.

Certain changes in the business and financial plan of the convention which will be presented at the St. Louis meeting were approved. One motion approved by the Committee asks that "the Convention recommend that the trustees of all agencies be requested by the state organizations show that

to amend their charters so as to provide that the trustees of such agencies be elected by the Convention and that their amended charters could not be further amended except with the prior consent of the Convention."

Dr. Frank Tripp, chairman of the promotion committee, brought in a report calling for renewed interest in the campaign to reach 1,000,000 tithers. It was decided to recommend to the Convention that October, November, and December be designated as special tithe months, and that an effort be made to enlist all Southern Baptists in the plan of giving for these three months.

## B.W.A. PLANS TO BE ANNOUNCED FEB. 15

Dr. Louie D. Newton, associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, reported that prospects were very gloomy for shipping space to the Baptist World Alliance in Copenhagen. He said that definite plans regarding the meeting would be announced by February 15.

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## Delta Pastors Have Program

The Delta Pastors' Conference met Monday, January 13, at the Ruleville Baptist Church with Dr. Nat Tracy as host pastor, with approximately 30 pastors present. Rev. Joe Sturdivant from Merigold served as chairman. The devotional period was led by Rev. Tom Siler. "The Millennium Theories of the Bible," by Dr. Bracy Campbell of Marks was a good message. Dr. Chester Quarles of Leland led a study of the first chapter of Philippians. Dr. W. G. Hardin of Drew brought a fine message on sermon outlines. Dr. W. E. Green of Clark College closed the program with a talk on the needs and work of the school.

The Conference adjourned at 1:00 o'clock and a fellowship hour was enjoyed at the Ruleville Hotel where dinner was served. The next meeting will be Monday after the second Sunday in February with the Merigold Baptist Church. H. Grady Wilkes is the conference reporter.

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## OBSERVE STEWARDSHIP DAY IN YOUR CHURCH

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only about \$6,000,000 will be received from this source for the Southwide causes, and if an additional \$2,000,000 is designated for Southwide causes we shall still be short \$2,000,000. If so, what a pity, what a disappointment, and how our causes would suffer.

### What Can We Do?

We can increase our contemplated receipts and avert disaster if all or half of us will do our best.

1. We can complete and follow up the every-member canvass, urging all to help, all to contribute more, all to give a tithe as a minimum.

2. We can see that a larger part of the receipts go to the Co-operative Program causes. Most small churches could give 25 per cent, larger churches 50 per cent, and exceptional churches more.

3. We can solicit special gifts from interested persons for all or any of our agencies. The Southern Baptist Foundation is now prepared to advise,

receive, administer and distribute funds for all or any of our agencies.

4. We can stress continuously our doctrines and inform our people about the Co-operative Program, the what, why, and how of it.

5. We can promote stewardship and tithing all the year.

6. We can observe Stewardship Day, February 9, or nearest convenient day, seeking to discover, count, and record those who will help us realize—

## A MILLION SOUTHERN BAPTIST TITHERS FOR CHRIST

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## MORE THAN HALF MONEY NEEDED FOR STUDENT CENTER ON HAND

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far-reaching importance of throwing around them every possible religious influence during their college days, meet Brother Scott's challenge. Let us close out this campaign now. This is a Mississippi Baptist Convention project and has also the full support of our State Convention Board. The spiritual welfare of 400 Baptist college young women is of colossal importance to the life of Mississippi Baptist people and to the cause of Christ in general.

Keep your contributions flowing into our State Baptist Headquarters until the last dollar sought has been received.

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## RATES RELIGIOUS TRAINING FIRST IN PREVENTION OF DELINQUENCY

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their failure to attend," the bureau head said.

"Practically none of the parents of the children contacted either attend or accompany their children to religious services," he added.

"I consider religious or spiritual training the most important factor in the prevention of juvenile delinquency," Brophy said in listing "five ways of making a child delinquent." The five are:

1. Don't give your child any religious or spiritual training.

2. Don't let him discuss his plans, problems or pleasures, so he won't develop affection, security or trust in you.

3. Don't open your home to his companions; they will muss up the place. Don't be concerned where he spends his free time.

4. Never praise your child for his worthwhile effort because he might take advantage of your effort and try harder to please you in the future.

"In other words, just don't pay any attention to what your child does or says. He should be able to take care of himself in this day and age," Brophy concluded.

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## NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED IN GULFPORT

Interested Baptists of West Gulfport met in the Legion building on 10th Street and 36 Avenue Sunday afternoon January 19th, and organized the West Gulfport Baptist Church. Rev. E. S. Flynt called the meeting to order and Rev. G. C. Hodge led in prayer. An ordaining council was organized by electing Rev. G. C. Hodge president and Rev. Evon Ingram clerk. By a unanimous vote it was decided to perfect an organization. Rev. E. S. Flynt presented a church covenant

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

January 26, 1947

S.S. B.T.U.

Tucker's Crossing, Jones County	36	24
Liberty Hill, Panola County	81	39
Jackson, Parkway	560	205
Jackson, Calvary	1,356	315
Jackson, Calvary including Stone St. Mission	1,418	379
Brookhaven, First	721	126
Kreole, First	59	40
Batesville, First	184	66
West Laurel	432	94
Hattiesburg, First		200
Laurel, First	646	114
Hernando	90	
Crystal Springs	496	115
O'Tucklofa, Yalobusha County	31	
Byram	76	54
Siloam, Simpson County	87	75
East McComb	260	153
Cherry Creek, Pontotoc County	78	
Pisgah, Rankin County	75	
West Point	376	110
Vicksburg, Bowmar Avenue	202	80
Vicksburg, Bowmar Ave. Mission Sunday School		33
Bear Creek, Attala County	19	
Wellman, Lincoln County	65	57
Hepzibah, Jeff Davis County	84	48
Laurel, Beacon	227	105
Tupelo, Harrisburg	244	85
Providence, Forrest County	149	91
West Corinth	192	117
Wallerville	97	36
Harmony, Tippah County	65	
Chalybeate	45	41
Houlka, Chickasaw County	30	32
Corinth, Tate Street	222	62
Lucedale	293	75
Hattiesburg, Main Street	742	279
Agricola	70	37
Center, Union County	104	65
Chester	65	
Antioch, Lawrence County	54	43
Daniel, Hinds County	233	71
Van Winkle	262	139
Jackson, First	1,205	353
Jackson, Northside	261	108
Jackson, Southside	160	104
Van Winkle, Hinds County	262	139
New Albany, First	600	209
Pascagoula, First	662	178
Summit	157	98
January 19, 1947		
Corinth, Tate Street	179	56
Providence, Forrest County	116	82
Pascagoula, Calvary	261	168
West Corinth	157	113
Brookhaven, First	448	103
Wellman, Lincoln County	40	27
Darling	37	
New Zion, Copiah County	69	28
Providence, Tippah County	33	
Chalybeate	46	23
Providence, Forrest County	116	82
Vicksburg, Bowmar Avenue	150	88
Vicksburg, Bowmar Avenue Mission	35	
Hattiesburg, Main Street	443	225
Pascagoula, First	405	126
Chester	44	

and declarations of faith, which were adopted.

Rev. E. S. Flynt was called as pastor of the church and Rev. Calvin Walker was elected clerk-pro tem. Three came for baptism. Later three others presented themselves for baptism and six were baptized into the fellowship of the newly organized church.

West Gulfport presents one of the greatest opportunities to build a strong church, on the Gulf Coast. At the present the church will meet in the Legion Building on 10th Street and 36 Avenue. Suitable lots will be purchased and a building erected in the near future.

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## Mississippi Baptists---Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." 1 Cor. 13:8

"For The Kingdom is the Lord's: and He is the Governor Among the Nations," Psalm 22:28.

I  
In 1946 the Convention Board office received \$559,332.39 Co-operative Program monies for all the causes of Christ beyond the local church. Despite two major special campaigns, approximately one-third of all monies received that year came through this channel—the Co-operative Program. That should answer the question of the sincere truth seeker as to the value of the Co-operative Program. That should silence the chirps of the carping critic of the Co-operative Program.

State Missions received through the Co-operative Program \$103,770.70. This was well over half of the \$175,000 budget for the year. That does not sound like the Co-operative Program is failing. Christian Education received for the year \$103,770.70 through the Co-operative Program. That sounds like we are getting somewhere through Co-operative Program promotion.

The Mississippi Baptist Hospital received \$49,291.09 through the Co-operative Program. The Mississippi Baptist Orphanage received for the year \$31,131.19 through the Co-operative Program. Ministerial Education, for helping preacher students get an education, received for the year \$14,957.07 through the Co-operative Program. The Mississippi Baptist Foundation received for the year \$8,391.32 through the Co-operative Program.

Through the Co-operative Program for the year we sent to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Seminaries, et cetera, \$207,541.37.

Thus, we see the Co-operative Program undergirding every cause. Channel more of your tithes and offerings through the Co-operative Program, and all of these causes will receive proportionately more monies.

We do not hesitate to say that the Co-operative Program is the greatest channel for gifts to all the causes of Christ that we know anything about. Let us have a larger part in the work by increasing our offerings to all causes through the Co-operative Program.

Of course, designations were in addition to the above amounts. For instance, last year we sent along designated monies for Foreign Missions in the amount of \$183,094.32. The W.M.U. camp received designated monies in the amount of \$61,366.58. There were many other such designations.

In addition, keep in mind that such offerings were from Mississippi alone. For southwide and worldwide causes such monies were multiplied by the contributions from nineteen other State Conventions.

"We are workers together with God." (II Corinthians 6:1)

II  
Grenada Baptists are happy in voting to send 40% of their total receipts through the Co-operative Program for all the work of Christ beyond the local church. In addition, 10% more goes to other missionary causes outside Grenada, leaving 50% for the church itself. Dr. Glen Eric Wiley writes: "We are praising God that He has brought us to the place where we are happy to divide our funds on a 50-50 basis."

Dr. W. C. Tyler writes that Cherry Creek Baptist Church, Pontotoc Association, has been on a 50-50 basis for distribution of Co-operative Program funds, as between State and Southwide causes.

Our churches have a responsibility unto God in seeing that a worthy percentage of monies from tithes and offerings flow through the Co-operative Program for all the work of Christ beyond the local church.

III  
We have a new tract by Dr. J. E. Dillard, Nashville, just off the press on "The Why, When, and How of the Co-operative Program." In this tract we had asked Dr. Dillard to sketch for Mississippi Baptists the development of the Co-operative Program idea in our Baptist life and work. We will be happy to mail these out upon request. The wrong word was used twice in the copy. In next to the last paragraph, in each instance, the word "gains" should be substituted for the word "gifts." If you have a copy of this tract or receive a copy, we hope you will write in the correction.

We have another tract on the percentages to the various causes included. We will be happy to send these upon request.

All those persons desirous of getting reservations at the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis in May should write the Convention Board office for a reservation blank, recently reproduced in the Baptist Record. Make your reservation early.

One of the expressions of interest among the many on the part of the multitudes of our people in all the work of Christ is evidenced by the large orders for materials coming to this office almost daily. We have been sending out multiplied thousands of canvass cards, census cards, assignment cards, and tracts in the Visitation Evangelistic Campaign, et cetera. Mississippi Baptists are on the march! Doxology!

A fine Christian woman carefully cared for a Jersey, later selling the head of stock, and sending the full amount of the check through the Convention Board office for Foreign Missions.

One engagement was made too late to get in our printed program last week, but we are happy to announce that Rev. and Mrs. S. M. (Happy) White of Summit will bring a special message in song the morning of February 3 at our great Co-operative Program Promotional meeting. Mrs. White will also play a xylophone devotional prelude for the morning session starting at 9:15 a.m. She will again play a xylophone devotional prelude at the afternoon session starting at 1:45 p.m. These fine leaders always encourage and help us.

In the light of our great Co-operative Program Promotional Meeting at Jackson February 3, and our great Evangelistic Conference at Hattiesburg the last four days of February, our Evangelistic and Stewardship Committee voted to defer the district Stewardship Conferences that had been scheduled for March 18-21.

We have recently lost from our staff Miss Marguerite Vanderburg via the wedding route to Mr. Lawrence H. Harris, son of Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Harris. We have also lost Miss Naomi Middleton who resigned to go to a state department. These were very faithful workers, and are very fine Christian personalities. We wish them every good thing in their new spheres.

IV  
Our first engagement of the new year was with the Ministerial students of Mississippi College. We had a fine time of fellowship with them, their wives, and friends, and were happy to have the privilege of talking with them a little bit about the work.

At the invitation of a very fine school superintendent, S. M. Crain, we brought an opening message to the Clinton High School. Scotchie McCall, Jr., gave an accordion solo number.

We spoke on "Restless India" before the Fortnightly Club of Jackson.

Wednesday night we were happy to visit with the saints at Southside, Jackson. We brought a brief message for the new year. Pastor and Mrs. Percy Cooper have performed a very splendid work on this field. We wish them well as they go to Rocky Creek in George County.

We enjoyed worshipping in the lovely house of worship at Bay Springs. Pastor S. E. Sumrall and his family are also enjoying the comforts of a splendid new pastorate. There was one addition by letter. Brother Sumrall has helped us in the work in various ways.

Sunday night at East Side near Richton the congregation packed the building. Brother C. E. McArn is the faithful pastor. This new house of worship was erected in part with State Mission money, and it was certainly a good investment.

Monday morning we brought a brief message to the Central Pastors' Conference, Baptist Building, Jackson. Some of our very fine strong pastors make up this conference.

Another Wednesday evening we were at Bolton with Dr. A. A. Kitchings and his people as they worshiped in a brand new concrete block building. Again State Missions helped at this very vital point in church building aid. Brother Byrd, a layman neighbor at Clinton, brought a very fine testimony.

Thursday morning we sat in the joint meeting of our two radio committees. Initial plans were laid looking toward a real Mississippi Baptist Radio program. Dr. Claud Bowen was elected chairman, and Professor C. L. Milling, secretary. Judge John W. McCall, a Mississippian, now a prominent Baptist layman and attorney of Memphis, was invited down by Dr. Bowen. He shared with the group his experiences in radio, as one of the chief founders of a leading Memphis radio station. The facilities of which are still largely used by First Baptist Church, Memphis.

On Tuesday Brother J. L. Moore, fine rural pastor, faithful friend, and constructive Board Member, invited us up for a visit. We had a delightful time with him and his family.

V  
In the 1946 Baptist Handbook just received, we counted 298 Mississippi Baptist Churches not baptizing anybody throughout the twelve months of 1946. That is one-fifth or 20% of our 1500 churches. Certainly that percentage of churches inactive in soul winning is entirely too high. The church membership and the association should go to prayer in this matter. They should then come from their knees and go to work!

Jesus said to His followers then and NOW "Go ye—teach all nations—baptizing," etc. (Matthew 28:18-20.) But 300 of our Mississippi Baptist churches did not baptize anybody over a twelve months' period—a whole year. We are not telling anybody what to do! We are suggesting that we let Jesus tell us what to do! He says, "Go—teach—baptize." He says, "Preach the Gospel to EVERY creature." (Mark 16:15). We have 700,000 lost people close around us within our own Mississippi.

We have 96 churches that did not contribute financially to the work of Christ beyond the local church in 1946. This record is much better than the baptism record. But why should there be 96 churches refusing to join in sending preachers to preach the Gospel. "How shall they go except they be sent?" (Romans 10:13-15).

Jesus does not say "do these things if you like the preacher, the set up, the denominational procedure, the weather, financial conditions," etc. He says positively, finally, unequivocally, definitely, emphatically, simply, certainly, vigorously, "do them." See John 14:12, 15, 21, 23.

### Madden Church Presents Pageant

The Madden Church of which Rev. H. D. Hawkins is pastor presented a Christmas pageant to a large audience. Those directing were Miss Jessie Lee Wright, Miss Grace Green and Mrs. A. L. Thaggard.

The pageant opened with the Bethlehem scene and closed with the message of Jesus for the world today.

The Woman's Missionary Union sponsored a banquet recently. Among the other forward steps taken are that shrubbery has been planted, new light fixtures installed, butane heating system installed and the matting paid for.

The Bible is the textbook of the school of life. It presents to man God's code of ethics for human living. All the wisdom a man needs to make a success of his life is revealed in its pages. Despite all the distressing signs to the contrary, the Bible shows man that life can be good. It shows him also how to be good. It is not by trusting self-righteousness or self-achievement, but by trusting Christ and living by his pattern. The Bible is the guide for the Christian worker and for Christ's church. The way of salvation for all men is outlined clearly there.—J. E. Lambdin, The Baptist Training Union Magazine.



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### A Final Word

For the past three weeks we have given the best publicity that we could to the COOPERATIVE PROGRAM PROMOTION MEETING scheduled to meet in the First church, Jackson, on February 3. We hope that everyone who possibly can will attend this important meeting.

We have the speakers, we have the program, we have the cause. The success or failure of that meeting is now in the hands of Mississippi Baptists. For years we have heard people say that the Cooperative Program should be given a chance. That opportunity has now arrived. Seize it.

There are two things to be done:

1. Let all who should, come to the meeting on February 3.
2. After the meeting, let every Mississippi Baptist make an honest effort to help reach the goal of \$1,000,000 for the Cooperative Program for 1947.

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### Figures Don't Lie

Far be it from us to say, "I told you so" but we cannot refrain from reminding our readers that a careful study of the list of gifts by the churches as published in last week's issue of the Baptist Record shows that most of the giving is done by Baptist Record churches.

A few churches were recorded as having given nothing. Rarely is such a church found on the EVERY FAMILY list.

In other words, Churches that have the Baptist Record usually do better than those that do not have the Baptist Record. Read the record in last week's issue and see for yourself.

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### American Bible Society Day Is February 2

Attention has already been called in these columns, to the offering for the American Bible Society which is to be taken in all churches on Sunday February 2.

Of course, if that Sunday is not

suitable, another day can be set. In fact, if a church does not choose to take an offering there is no obligation. But, we hope that all our churches will support this worthy work.

Every church should have a part in this offering. Certainly no organization deserves more united and generous cooperation than the American Bible Society. Because of its splendid contacts with every country in the world it is in better position to carry on the work of publishing and distributing Bibles and New Testaments than any other organization. AND the remarkable results from it work all over the world commends the work of the society to every lover of God's word.

The gifts of the churches should be sent to Dr. D. A. McCall, P. O. Box 530, Jackson 105, Miss., and designated for the American Bible Society.

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### On The Right Track

We notice from the press reports in the daily papers, our Presbyterian friends are on the right track, judging from their recent Presbytery action at Meridian. The report states that they voted to sponsor a school of evangelism in connection with their spring meeting of the Presbytery.

Rev. Vance Barron is chairman of the Committee on Evangelism for the Presbyterians. As a denomination that has majored on evangelism, especially, in Mississippi, we are glad to commend them in this effort in our commonwealth. We believe they will receive a new awakening and a blessing as they launch into such a movement. The Presbyterians have a long, proud history, and this step will doubtless add to the prestige of their churches.

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### He Lost

News dispatches brought the news that "Scarface" Al Capone died at his palatial Palm Island mansion near Miami on Saturday January 24.

Capone will be remembered as a gangster of the twenties. His name "Scarface" came as the alleged result of a bar room brawl. It is said that he accumulated wealth by his lawless living and ruthless reigning. Radio reports credit him with making millions from gambling, liquor, and vice.

After serving a few brief years as a gang overlord, he finally began to reap. He was sentenced to a federal penitentiary and then sent to Alcatraz prison which was reserved for the most hardened criminals.

While confined at Alcatraz it is said that he developed a mild form

of insanity caused by softening of the brain. Doctors say this is a by product of immoral living. After serving most of his sentence he was released. His criminal kingdom gone, he went to his palatial home at Miami Beach but he couldn't enjoy it. For fear of reprisals it was necessary to erect a high fence around his property. And regardless of the beauty and luxury of his home, he couldn't enjoy it for, if press reports are true, he had the mind of a 12 year-old.

And even if his mind had been normal, few social events would have been open to him for he was an ex-gangster.

Certainly he did not enjoy the days when he was the gang leader of Chicago. It was necessary for him to be constantly guarded. Even when on business trips he rode in a bullet proof car both led and followed by armed guards.

It seems that all Capone ever got from his lawless living was some undesirable publicity and some of the luxuries that money can buy, but there were many things that he did not get that are more valuable than money and lots of it. He did not have peace of mind. He could not enjoy the things his ill gotten gains had provided except behind a high fence. He could not enjoy good health. His brain was useless due to riotous living. And the latest report is that he died practically broke.

Furthermore, he died at the age of 48. The chances are that he would have lived much longer, enjoyed it more and have been a blessing to the world had he used his abilities for good instead of bad.

It is still true that—

"Whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap". If you sow wild oats you will reap wild oats. BUT there is no market for wild oats. If any of our readers, especially the younger ones seem to think that there are attractions about the bright lights of sin, ponder the untimely end of "Scarface" Al Capone. He lost.

One other word. We do not recall any person who reaped much joy from sinful living or ill-gotten gains.

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### Churches Could Learn From Business Men

The First Baptist Church of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, recently presented to their pastor, Rev. A. B. Pierce, a new Dodge automobile. We doubly commend the church for this action.

1. They showed appreciation for their pastor.
2. They did what every church

or field of churches should do.

Most pastors use their cars nine-tenths of the time on church business. Commercial firms furnish cars for their representatives and consider it a good investment for it enables their employees to do more work, cover more territory, see more people and do these things in less time.

Why show less consideration for pastors than we do business men?

Pastor Pierce is a Mississippian, a graduate of Mississippi College and of the Louisville Seminary. This action on the part of his church is a testimony to their appreciation of a good pastor.

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### Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—  
Editor.

### CHRISTIANS MUST MAKE A STAND

By O. P. Gilbert, Atlanta, Ga.

(Editor's note: The following editorial appeared in the October 19 issue of *The Christian Index*, Baptist State paper of Georgia. It is forceful and timely. Dr. Gilbert describes a condition existing not only in Georgia but throughout the land. Isaiah 58:13-14 should be also considered in connection with his remarks on the desecration of the Lord's day: "If thou shalt turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor Him, not doing thine own ways nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words, then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride the high places of the earth and feed thee with the heritage of thy father Jacob for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.")

A great hour in World War II was that in which Marshal Stalin ordered the Russians to stand at Stalingrad. In obedience to his order they stood there and died by the thousands. At that foremost industrial city, their stand broke the German's threat to Moscow and Leningrad and probably saved the Soviet States Republic from defeat. The Germans besieging the city, including their commander, were captured. All along the extended line of battle they began to fall back over the countries they had conquered and ravished, and never stopped retreating until they reached Berlin where they surrendered and the red flag was unfurled over the city's ramparts and fortresses. The willingness of the Russian soldiers to stand and die for their Marshal made them invincible.

One familiar with the life and teachings of Christ is impressed with the retreat of His followers in this and the past generation. All along the line of battle they have been retreating and for more than a half century citadel after citadel has been surrendered.

Old records tell the story of the conflict of the church with worldliness. Forty years ago, ministers were denouncing card playing and making it embarrassing for participants. Today, bridge is played by millions of church people, often for prizes and

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## SPARKS &amp; SPLINTERS

A nice list of renewal subscriptions was recently received from Antioch church, Lawrence county. The list was sent by the treasurer, John W. Terry.

A recent letter from Chas. H. Gilbert of Mt. Zion church, Wayne county, brought a list of 35 renewals. It is needless to say that the Baptist Record is thankful. Mt. Zion church is one of the many reasons for the remarkable circulation of the Baptist Record.

Rev. W. B. May is not only a good Board member but a good friend of the Baptist Record. He recently sent a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from New Central church, Benton county. Such friends have helped the Baptist Record to have a circulation of more than 56,000 each week.

No tardiness here: Recently Mrs. Tava Tierce of Haven Hill church, Yalabusha county, sent her subscription for the Record. She had been getting it through Elam church. She stated that Haven Hill had just been organized, did not yet have a building but hoped to build soon.

We understand that Silas B. Cooper has been released from the Chaplaincy and is now on the field as pastor of Calvary Church in Ventura, California. Chaplain Cooper was called as pastor when the church was organized some six months ago, but has been unable to get released from his military duties. (Editor's note: We presume that this is Mississippi's Silas B. Cooper, native of Pontotoc and former pastor at Sardis and at Calvary Church, Tupelo.)

The Baptist Record is grateful to Mrs. M. D. Price of Ocean Springs for a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions.

Linwood church, Neshoba county stands by the Baptist Record. Recently the usual yearly list of new and renewal subscriptions arrived.

Miss Caudie Hazen, Starke, Florida, who graduated from Blue Mountain last June, has been elected queen of the New Orleans Baptist Seminary Sweetheart Banquet which is to be held February 6.

Ottis M. Bond, church treasurer of Big Level church in Lebanon Association recently sent a new and renewal list of 52 names. Such churches and such treasurers have helped the Baptist Record reach the 56,000 mark in circulation.

General George C. Marshall, the new Secretary of State, is an Episcopalian. . . . President Truman told his 15-man Committee on Civil Rights that he did not want to see any religious bigotry break out in this country.

The First Baptist Church of Marion, Arkansas, was gutted by flames on Sunday morning, January 5, resulting in damages estimated at approximately \$65,000. Rev. Basil Martin, formerly pastor at Sturgis, is pastor of the church.

Rev. H. W. Freeman, student at Clarke College, began his work as pastor of New Zion Church, Choctaw County, on November first. The church gave the Rev. and Mrs. Freeman a shower soon after they began their ministry. The Rev. Freeman is also pastor of Concord, Choctaw. Both the churches are half-time churches.

Treasurer J. F. Bishop of Bethel church, Sunflower county recently sent a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions for the Baptist Record.

BARABBAS, a novel of the time of Jesus, by Emery Bekessy is published by Prentice-Hall, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y. and sells for \$2.75. Out of the most tremendous drama in history—the Crucifixion—comes the gripping story of Barabbas the Robber, he who stood on the courthouse steps beside the gentle preacher of Galilee while the frenzied mob howled for the release of the robber and the death of Jesus. Who was Barabbas? The Gospels have little to say about the reasons behind this cruel choice but from the scant facts the author has created a powerful, stirring novel. This inspiring novel has a timeless theme that rises to a shattering climax of human drama. Order from the publisher or from the Baptist Book Store.

TUCKERS AT GATESHEAD by Virginia Baker and published by the Moody Press, 153 Institute Place, Chicago 10, Ill., is mystery and adventure for teen-age readers. The Tucker family spend an unusual vacation at an old southern mansion at Gateshead. So many strange things happen that Uncle Willie insists there is a ghost on the premises, but the mystery is solved by a group of boys who have been camping near by. The story is interwoven with a gospel message. The price is one dollar and orders should be sent to the publisher or to the Baptist Book Store.

Rev. W. D. Ellenburg of Kilmichael came in recently and paid for 12 Baptist Record subscriptions to be sent to members of Old Plank church and to some friends. No wonder the Baptist Record, without a field force or special representatives continues to increase in circulation.

A SOLDIER'S DAUGHTER by G. L. Wind is a heart-warming piece of fiction. Little Lottie found herself living in a boarding house after her widowed father went off to war. At first all did not go well. But Lottie proved to be what the cold, selfish atmosphere of the boarding house needed. The human warmth and friendliness, the moments of anxiety and heartbreak, and the light touches of humor give to this book an unusually charming quality. The price is \$1 and orders should be sent to the publisher, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis 18, Missouri or to the Baptist Book Store.

Bob Crittendon recently won the Intermediate Sword Drill at the Training Union Convention of California Southern Baptists. This entitles him to represent California in the South-wide Intermediate Sword Drill which will be conducted at Ridgecrest next summer. Bob is the son of Dr. and Mrs. A. F. Crittendon. Dr. Crittendon is now Executive Secretary of California Southern Baptists and was formerly pastor at Brookhaven.

The California Southern Baptist (state paper) states John A. Farmer has resigned as Sunday School and Brotherhood Secretary. Mr. Farmer's future plans were not revealed. Mississippians will remember Mr. Farmer as Associate Sunday School Secretary in Mississippi prior to going to California a few years ago.

California Southern Baptists are making plans to send their Executive Secretary, Dr. A. F. Crittendon to the Baptist World's Alliance which meets in Copenhagen in July.

In sending her subscription for the Baptist Record, Mrs. Will Arnold of Griffith Memorial church, Jackson wrote, "I look forward every week for the Record. I enjoy reading about the Baptist work in our state."

Response to a recent announcement made by Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich., of its \$10,000 International Christian Fiction Contest has been staggering. Three cash prizes, plus royalties, are being offered to the winners in this special contest to develop new novelists and raise the standard of Christian fiction. The first prize is \$7,500; the second, \$2,000, and the third, \$500. The deadline for manuscripts to be submitted is December 31, 1948. A complete set of rules may be secured by writing the editors of the \$10,000 International Christian Fiction Contest, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids 2, Mich.

The Baptist Record is grateful to Jim Kemp of R-3, Louisville for a nice list of subscriptions from Good Hope church, Winston county. They helped keep the Baptist Record above the 56,000 mark.

Premier Alcide de Gasperi of Italy attended mass in St. Patrick's Catholic Cathedral, had tea with Myron D. Taylor, President Truman's personal representative to the Vatican, in the afternoon, and had dinner with Cardinal Spellman on his last Sunday in the United States. The former Vatican librarian received a Protestant delegation on Monday night. The seven Protestant leaders told Dr. de Gasperi: "Provisions for religious freedom in the new Constitution will be a major factor in determining the attitude of our people toward Italy. Because of our interest in the development of international order and in the promotion of respect for the rights of our Protestant brethren in Italy, we shall diligently follow events in your country."

Methodist membership at the end of 1946 totaled 8,430,146, a gain of 346,369 over the 1945 figure. Methodists gave more than \$150,000,000 for all church purposes last year. The total church debt was reduced \$6,000,000 to reach \$18,209,805.

A new pocket-size record book for pastors, educational directors, church clerks, and other church officers, The Broadman Pocket Record, has been published by the Sunday School board.

Oklahoma Baptists believe in and practice publicity. Rev. Albert McClellan, editor of the Oklahoma Baptist Messenger, has recently sent out a large poster showing the calendar of activities for the year 1947; an attractive pamphlet UNTO ALL THE WORLD and a little booklet, OKLAHOMA BAPTIST 1947 PROGRAM. UNTO ALL THE WORLD is distributed prior to the associations and takes the place of the former "Suggested Reports".

Winona: The First Baptist Church in a recent bulletin notes the following improvements recently, a new room for the nursery department, a new room for the primary department, vestibule door for the Intermediate department, 50 new steel chairs, 24 primary chairs, and a hot water heater and three heaters in the pastorium. Rev. C. B. Hamlett III is pastor.

The Bible presents not only the knowledge of God made plain to man, but also the only correct portrait of man himself. It is the drama of human life. It presents life as it is with the evil as well as the good. Shining through all of this picture we see the immortal possibilities of the human soul.—J. E. Lambdin, The Baptist Training Union Magazine.

The central aim of our Training Union curriculum for 1947 is: To deepen our appreciation of God's Word and strengthen our loyalty to its teaching. The aim of our Training Union promotional program for 1947 is: To promote the development of a Bible-centered church training program in every Baptist church.—J. E. Lambdin, The Baptist Training Union Magazine.

If our churches would meet today's opportunities fully, then they must major on enlisting vast multitudes in a Bible teaching and Bible study program. We must begin first with the 3,000,000 church members not now enrolled in Sunday school. We must build, organize, and train to reach the unreached millions who know not Christ and his will for their lives. To this purpose we would dedicate ourselves afresh this year.—A. V. Washburn, The Sunday School Builder.

Most children are eager to learn. If parents do not see to it that their children learn the right things about God, these inquiring minds may accept the standards and ideals of the world which are contrary to Christian teaching.—Mrs. Edwin S. Preston, Home Life.

It is when the home fails—when it fails to be what God intended it to be—that grief unspeakable comes to parent and children and society. It is when Satan has his way, instead of God, that the home fails. It is then that "freedom weeps," and all the sanctities of life suffer.—Louie D. Newton, Home Life.

Rev. James P. Rodgers observed his Sixth Anniversary as Pastor of Petworth Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., on December 1. During the past six years, the Church has received a total of 897 members; 308 of these have come for Baptism. The total contributions during the same period of time have been \$244,356.46, of which \$42,881.46 has gone for missions. The Church now has a membership of 1224, and is rated as the fifth largest church in the nation's capitol. The congregation recently voted to send the Pastor to the Baptist World Alliance at Copenhagen, and also to visit the Baptist Mission Fields in Nigeria, where he has been invited by Dr. W. H. Carson, Missionary, to hold several revivals at various mission stations.

The State Board of Illinois has voted to send Executive Secretary, Dr. Noel M. Taylor to the Baptist World Alliance which meets in Copenhagen next July.

The following have been recent visitors to the office of the Baptist Record: Rev. E. R. Anderson, Fayette; Rev. M. P. Jones, Wesson; Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Freeman, Newton; Dr. I. E. Rouse, Hattiesburg; Rev. and Mrs. Phil J. Walker, Summit; Rev. M. C. Waldrup, Liberty; Leon Tyrone, Prentiss; Dr. O. C. Miller, Ruston, La.; Mrs. D. M. Nelson, Clinton; Dr. William C. Holland, Greenville; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Davidson, Mary Ryn, Betty Sue and Dotty Helen Davidson, Kosciusko; Miss Helen Bolt, Blue Mountain; Miss Marian Leavell, Oxford; Miss Margaret McClellan, Columbus; Miss Mary Tom Berry, Ellisville; Miss Carla Allbritton, Moorhead; Miss Lurline Stuart, Raymond; Dr. Dorothy McCoy, Jackson; Orba Lee Malone, Clinton; Louie Farmer, Newton; Rev. Riley Munday, Cleveland; Dr. Troy Robinson, Jackson; Miss Jean Parker, Decatur; Edgar Glover, Poplarville; Dr. W. R. Cooper, Tylectown; L. A. Wilkins, Yazoo City.



# THIS CAMP WE BUILD

## State Student Secretary Commends Camp Garaywa

By Chas. W. Horner

I wish to say, with no reluctance or hesitancy whatever, that I believe the Camp Garaywa project is one which deserves and therefore should have the prayerful and financial support of every Mississippi Baptist. I say this because the ministry of Camp Garaywa is not only destined to bless the lives of our boys and girls and the women of the W.M.U., but it will bless all of us who are brothers and sisters, fathers, sons, daughters and husbands of all these. In addition, Miss Edwina Robinson and the Board of Managers of Camp Garaywa have consistently made it clear to all of us that the facilities of the Camp will be available for meetings of groups working in every phase of our denominational program. This is indeed a gracious and unselfish proposal on the part of those who have started and promoted the Camp. This shows that they, of the W.M.U., are interested in every agency which proclaims the saving power of Christ. We, of the BSU, intend to accept this gracious offer and hold some of our retreats and other meetings amidst the naturally beautiful setting of Camp Garaywa. I cannot think of a more desirable location in Mississippi for any meeting.

I hope you will visit Camp Garaywa at the earliest opportunity. Just a few days ago, a group of us again had the privilege of seeing how construction of the Camp is progressing. Much has already been done, enough to enable one to visualize the marvelous ministry, especially among our boys and girls, which Camp Garaywa is destined to perform. If ever you visit the Camp site, I promise you that you will never again, in case you have already, have any misgivings about the worth of this project.

We, of the BSU, believe in the great potentialities of Camp Garaywa and shall support its promotion prayerfully and financially.

## February Birthdays Of Missionaries

Below is given a list of Foreign Missionaries who have birthdays in February. Many friends will wish to send birthday cards or perhaps a birthday gift.

### FEBRUARY

- 1 Alice Maude Griffin (Mrs. Bennie T.), Baptist Academy, Abeokuta, Nigeria, West Africa; James Alexander Herring, 408 Jones Avenue, Greenville, South Carolina.
- 3 Georgia Cantrell McCamey (Mrs. H. D.), Baptist Hospital, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, West Africa; Mary Lucile Saunders, Box 1581, Shanghai, China; P. D. Sullivan, Caixa 26, Belem, Para, Brazil.
- 4 Mina Garrett Jackson (Mrs. J. E.), 1000 Avenue C, Brownwood, Texas.
- 5 Ruth Cochran Culpepper (Mrs. H. H.), Hendrix Station, Conway, Arkansas; Robert F. Elder, Calle Adroque 57, Llavallol F. C. S., Temperley, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Pauline Sheriff Jackson (Mrs. S. P.), West Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico; Lila F. Watson, Box 5148, Richmond 20, Virginia.
- 6 Hattie Mae Gardner, Shaki, Nigeria, West Africa; Elizabeth Hall Tatum (Mrs.), E. E.), United Church House, 343 Jarvis Street, Toronto 2, Ontario, Canada; Violet Long, Box 154, Jerusalem, Palestine.
- 7 Mattie A. Baker, Nichols, S. C.
- 8 Katie Murray, 2301 Clark Avenue, Raleigh, North Carolina.
- 9 Gladys Yates Blackman (Mrs. L. E.), 1305 Heulu Street, Honolulu, T. H.; Leta Rue Riddle Bryan (Mrs. John N.), 19 Milesfield, Bayview, Milford, Connecticut; Sara Ellis Galloway (Mrs. Edward D.), Fleming, Kentucky.
- 10 Alice Wymer Reno (Mrs. L. M.), Warren State Hospital, Warren, Pa.
- 11 Mary Hammond Baker (Mrs. C. A.), Baylor Housing Unit 35, Baylor University, Waco, Texas; (Miss) Clifford I. Barrat, Greenwood, South Carolina; Ruby L. Wheat, Baptist Compound, Yangchow, Kiangsu, China.
- 12 Dr. J. B. Hipps, University of Shanghai, Shanghai, China; Ruth Randall, Rua Dona Delfina 38, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- 13 Cora Hancock Blair (Mrs. M. S.), General Urquiza 186, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Carolyn Switzer Neely (Mrs.

T. L.), Cartagena, Colombia; J. Ivey Miller, Casilla 9796, Santiago, Chile.

14 Harold B. Canning, Baptist Hospital, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, West Africa.

15 Martha Linda Franks, Box 1581, Shanghai, China; Olive A. Lawton, Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

16 E. M. Bostick, Jr., Saluda, North Carolina; Sammie Guynes Johnson (Mrs. L. L.), Caixa 184, Bahia, Brazil; Ola V. Lea, 514 South Aycock, Greensboro, North Carolina; John Mein, Caixa 221, Pernambuco, Brazil.

17 Christine C. Chambers (Mrs. R. E.), 2364 West Grand Boulevard, Detroit 8, Michigan; Helen McCubbin Sams (Mrs. A. M.), General Urquiza 186, Buenos Aires, Argentina; A. Scott Patterson, Norcross, Georgia.

18 Alice Spragg Duval (Mrs. L. M.), 226 Douglas Avenue, St. John, N. B., Canada.

19 Jenell Greer, 210 Fairfax Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

20 Harold E. Hall, Baptist Mission, Chinkiang, Kiangsu, China; Ivan V. Larson, 29 Tsining Road, Tsingtao, Shantung, China.

21 J. H. Humphrey, M. D., Mooreland, Oklahoma; Margaret Marchman, Abeokuta, Nigeria, via Lagos, West Africa.

22 Agnes Graham, Casilla 20-D, Temuco, Chile.

23 Flora Dodson, Baptist Mission, Tungshan, Canton, China; Alma Graves, 2323 University Avenue, Honolulu, T. H.; Dell Spencer Mewshaw (Mrs. R. E. L.), Box 355, Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

24 Euva Majors Bausum (Mrs. R. L.), 5608 Tramore Road, Baltimore 14, Maryland; Mamie Sallee Bryan (Mrs. R. T.), 934 Drexel Avenue, San Antonio, Texas; Lora A. Clement, Macao, South China; Viola D. Campbell, Box 116, El Paso, Texas.

25 Annie Gay Gaston (Mrs. J. McF.), 422 North Florida Avenue, Deland, Florida; Mary Lou Appleman Gillis (Mrs. C. O.), Ramon Falcon 4100, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Louise Heirich Hill (Mrs. Eugene L.), Baptist Mission, Tungshan, Canton, China; Alice Huey, Box 627, Route 1, Bessemer, Alabama; Jane Wilson Lide, 601 Nome Street, Florence, S. C.

26 Rosalee Mills Appleby (Mrs. D. P.), Rua Ponte Nova 709, Belo Horizonte, Brazil; Samuel E. Maddox, First Baptist Church, Florence, Alabama.

27 Pauline Pittard Gillespie (Mrs. A. S.), Wake Forest, North Carolina; Ste-

## HINDS-WARREN W.M.U. MEETS IN JACKSON

The Hinds-Warren Woman's Missionary Union Association will hold its quarterly rally on Thursday, February 6, at Parkway Church, Jackson, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

The theme will be "Such As I Have I Give." Mrs. John Stone, president, First Church, Jackson W.M.U. will lead a devotional.

Featured speaker of the day will be the State Community Missions chairman for South Carolina, Mrs. George Davis, Orangeburg, S. C. Mrs. Davis will present an inspirational message at the morning session and will lead a round table discussion in the afternoon.

Mrs. Olen Morgan, Sup.  
Mrs. H. G. Street, Sec.

## Y.W.A. FOCUS WEEK, FEBRUARY 9-15

"Life Begins at Forty," Miss Juliette Mather reminds us as she sets forth great plans for the Young Woman's Auxiliary in this their Fortieth Anniversary Year. We're glad that this first quarter offers a splendid opportunity to begin the LIVELY activities

phen Pomeroy Jackson, West Placacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

28 J. V. Dawes, Box 30, Novata, California; Annie Jenkins Sallee (Mrs. W. E.), 1906 South Fifth Street, Waco, Texas; Edith Felkel Humphrey (Mrs. J. H.), Mooreland, Oklahoma.

29 Ruby B. Hines, Caixa 178, Recife, Brazil.

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## Northern Baptists Urge 10% Minimum Pay Increase For Clergymen

NEW YORK —(RNS)— A minimum pay increase of ten per cent for all pastors of the denomination has been recommended by the State Secretaries Council of the Northern Baptist Convention.

Pointing out that its pastors do not have "recourse to measures open to men in industry and business" for increasing their pay, the council stated that the churches should raise salaries "sufficient to insure an income equal in purchasing power to that received prior to the inflation era."

The council said that the increased cost of living is forcing many ministers to live close to or below the subsistence level. In proposing the ten per cent increase, the council suggested that in most instances the raises should be above that figure.

Editor's note: Most Southern Baptist pastors should have a raise, not of 10 per cent but more.

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We commend to our readers an article in the February issue of the Baptist Student by Mrs. Nan Morgan Dean of Jackson, entitled "Glorifying God Through Home Building". This message was given some months ago to a group of students. While prepared for young people, older couples will profit by the reading of it. The wife of Architect Charles Dean, Mrs. Dean employs the language of the architect as she speaks of "prefabrication", design, foundation roof, interior and exterior decoration. A young wife and mother, Mrs. Dean, is glorifying God in her home, in her community and in her church.

which should continue throughout the year.

Two powerful forces were born in the year, 1907. As they celebrate their fortieth birthday this year, Young Woman's Auxiliary and the W.M.U. Training School continue to spread their ever - widening influence throughout the Nations. Star the week of February 9-15, and write in big letters Y.W.A. FOCUS WEEK, keeping in mind Y.W.A.'s twin sister, the Training School.

The following nice arrangement of goals has been suggested for this year, to be continued for the next two years.

- 40 Anniversary
- 400 Net gain in Y.W.A. organizations
- 4000 New Tithers
- 40000 Subscribers to "The Window of Y.W.A."
- \$400000 Gifts through Co-operative Program and the three offerings.

Study these goals and determine what part shall be reached by your own organization. Present these during your Focus Week celebrations and begin immediately to work toward their accomplishment.

Then you will want to consider the ANNIVERSARY CITATION, prepared for each member of Y. W. A. who does these things during 1947.

(F) Help organize and foster for four months a new Y. W. A.

(O) Teach or assist in teaching a week of mission study.

(R) Secure at least 4 new year subscriptions to "The Window of Y.W.A."

(T) Make definite effort to win at least one soul to Christ.

(Y) Be responsible for presentation of a missionary play.

What can you do in your organization for these young women who are making (or marring) the land in which we live? Take advantage of these weeks preceding Focus Week to look over the situation in your immediate surroundings. If there is no organization for these young women from 16-24, your first job will be getting busy creating interest in such an organization. If there are only four girls in the community, don't be guilty of looking upon them as ONLY four; see them as ALL of four! Who knows but that a future Lottie Moon is included in that four!

You want to use a play—on Missions, Stewardship, enlistment, etc. You know the value of dramatizations if you've ever used them; if you haven't, try them this next month and find out for yourself. Look in the 1947 Year Book, pages 98,99, for the list of suggested plays, all of which may be secured from 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham 3, Ala. Watch your "Window of Y.W.A." for the announcement of new plays, written especially for this Anniversary Year.

Encourage missionary reading. A lively Book Review held during Focus Week could stimulate interest in these gems of wisdom which all of our young women should be reading. Order a copy of "The World in Books" from your Baptist Book Store and select some key person to prepare such a review.

Remember always for whom we're working. "My word shall not return unto me void", He has said, neither are worthy efforts spent without results!



## Co-operative Program Leaders

100 Mississippi Baptist Churches leading in contributions through the Co-operative Program for the calendar year, 1946.

Group I	
Jackson-Calvary	\$28,437.49
Laurel-First	17,500.18
Jackson-First	15,400.35
Brookhaven-First	15,213.46
Hattiesburg-Main Street	13,652.86
Vicksburg-First	13,118.76
Meridian-First	11,405.12
Tupelo-Calvary	10,584.05
Columbus-First	10,507.29
McComb-First	10,241.47
Meridian-Highland	10,072.75
New Albany	8,567.46
Hattiesburg-First	8,539.73
Picayune-First	8,188.31
Crystal Springs	6,983.56
Grenada-First	6,822.38
Greenwood-First	6,744.71
Pascagoula-First	6,710.39
Meridian-Fifteenth Avenue	6,429.36
Canton-First	5,857.56
Clinton	5,111.57
Louisville-First	4,900.00
Quitman	4,668.00
Hazelhurst	4,666.72
Hattiesburg-Fifth Avenue	4,400.00
Group II	
Leland	4,386.41
Belzoni	3,885.99
Aberdeen-First	3,823.66
Jackson-Griffith Memorial	3,578.69
Starkville-First	3,511.27
Laurel-West	3,350.00
Pontotoc	3,346.14
Kosciusko-First	3,142.36
Collins	3,066.60
Corinth-First	3,000.00
West Point-First	3,000.00
Indianola	2,910.05
Water Valley	2,782.23
McComb-Central	2,724.81
Meridian-Forty-First	2,720.54
Philadelphia-First	2,708.29
Meridian-Poplar Springs	2,683.20
Prentiss	2,655.77
Drew	2,634.23
Centerville	2,610.56
Columbia-First	2,581.80
Greenville-First	2,575.00
Holly Springs	2,557.10
Durant	2,547.18
Pascagoula-Calvary	2,536.94
Group III	
Clarksdale	2,512.88
Gulfport-First	2,456.00
Jackson-Parkway	2,440.33
Jackson-Northside	2,421.56
McComb-East	2,400.00
Amory	2,285.31
Yazoo City	2,152.99
Newton	2,100.00
Tupelo-Harrisburg	2,099.09
Calhoun City-First	2,000.00
Balwyn	1,970.46
Magee	1,875.36
Ellisville	1,867.71
Salem	1,853.04
Carthage	1,851.60
Magnolia	1,825.00
Lowrey Memorial	1,811.56
Rolling Fork	1,800.00
Daniel	1,681.79
Ripley	1,650.00
Van Winkle	1,645.00
Ashland	1,600.00
Tylertown	1,599.55
Meridian-South Side	1,596.88
Sardis	1,595.18
Group IV	
Winona	1,586.45
Booneville	1,584.77
Vicksburg-Bowmar Avenue	1,581.58
Meridian-Eighth Avenue	1,545.29
Natchez-First	1,525.00
Houston	1,500.00
Moss Point-First	1,500.00
Morton	1,489.97

Batesville	1,488.91
Lyon	1,480.95
Improve	1,430.00
Charleston	1,417.02
Oak Grove (Lauderdale)	1,399.78
Biloxi-First	1,394.30
Monticello	1,374.56
Laurel-Second	1,368.24
Bunker Hill	1,333.32
Berwick	1,323.62
Cleveland-First	1,300.00
Moss Point-East	1,300.00
Petal-Harvey	1,277.91
Jackson-Davis Memorial	1,275.00
Okolona	1,255.39
Terry's Creek (Pike)	1,252.85
Mt. Olive	1,250.00
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Baptist Building	Jackson, Miss.

## SOUTHERN BAPTISTS SEEK 300,000 SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLEES

NASHVILLE, Tenn., —(RNS)— A goal of 300,000 new enrollees in the denomination's Sunday schools during the next year was set by the Southern Baptist Convention's Sunday School Board at a two-day meeting here. Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of the board, said the denomination also will seek 50,000 more Sunday school officers and teachers, and 1,000 new schools.

## Religious Freedom Urged In House Measure

WASHINGTON, D. C., —(RNS)— Rep. Gordon L. McDonough (R-Cal.) has introduced a concurrent resolution in the House of Representatives which would have the members of the U. S. delegations to all future peace conferences urge the adoption of freedom of religion, speech, and press by the delegates from all assembled nations.

## WHAT IS CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT CLARKE COLLEGE?

"What is Christian education? As distinguished from public education, Christian education is under control of the church or other religious agencies, and is religious and moral; while public education is under the direction of the state, and deals largely with knowledge and skills. Christian education is concerned not only with knowledge and skills, but with motives, attitudes, and appreciations.

Clarke College is a Christian college which believes that religion must be the fourth "R" in education. Although its academic standards have been set up largely by secular forces, Clarke College has refused to be forced into secularization, and has sought to remain a power for Christian education. It is a Christian college that carries on beyond the range of the home and the church, and has also been a leavening influence in the educational world. As a Christian college, it has an advantage over the state school in having Christian teachers, chapel exercises, the Christian point of view, and an atmosphere or religious influence.

A college is usually considered Christian if it has church support, Christian teachers, and specific courses offered in Bible. Do these factors make a college Christian? Viewed from the standpoint of Clarke College, Christian education is the acquiring of Christian culture, leading the individual into right relation to God and humanity, and seeking Christian control of conduct. Therefore, for a school to be truly Christian, there must be a distinct Christian spirit throughout the entire school, in every class, in the dormitories, and on the campus.

The aim at Clarke College is to put the student at the center and to lead the student toward an objective. This objective is a moving rather than a fixed one which includes Christian conversion, character development, and Kingdom service.

The curriculum includes several courses in Bible, which gives us the Christian background, and enables the student to acquire a doctrinal understanding. Furthermore, four courses are offered in Religious Education to give the student a background of the field, to train and equip the student for practical work in the church, to acquaint the student with our present set-up of State, Home, and Foreign Missions, and to help the student to appreciate and build church worship programs. Christian ideals are built up, and a foundation is laid for the Christian life and denominational activities.

Support Christian Education through the Co-operative Program. Christian Education for 1947 is allocated 25% of Co-operative Program receipts.

## Department Of EVANGELISM -- And -- STEWARDSHIP Bob H. Benton, Director

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We have had some good Stewardship Revivals this Winter and we find that the Stewardship Revivals usually result in the salvation of lost people as much as some Evangelistic Revivals.

I enjoyed the revival with Dr. Judson Chastain at Poplarville, in November very much. That was a rainy week but the people were faithful and we had a very good meeting.

We have had to combat bad weather in several places and were completely rained out in our last two meetings because they were in rural churches and the roads were impassable. One of these was in Good Hope Church in Smith County. We began with three good services Sunday, January 12th, with dinner on the ground, but it rained so hard Sunday night we did not get to go back. Brother Thompson is pastor of the church and is a real consecrated Christian.

The last two revivals we were able to complete were with Dr. A. A. Kitchings at Shady Grove Church in Copiah Association and in Bolton Church. Dr. Kitchings is one that possesses the spirit of Paul, the apostle, believing that God will bless a faithful effort. During the Christmas holidays when other people were taking their vacations, we were holding services at Shady Grove at night and Dr. Kitchings was driving to Bolton every day to help build the church that we were

## Progress Mapped In Coast Church

A twelve point program of progress has been mapped out and adopted by the Pass Christian church with Pastor W. S. Allen rejoicing in the great work done by the people in 1946, their best year.

The presence of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Pool and their family in Pass Christian has proved a wonderful blessing, according to Pastor Allen. These gifted missionaries from Africa are serving with great success while on their furlough. Dr. Pool is president of the Seminary in Nigeria. Mrs. Pool is assisting him. She is the daughter of Dr. E. C. Routh, Editor of The Commission.

The missionaries are accepting invitations for schools of missions and Dr. Pool is preaching a great deal on Sundays when needed.

Included in the plans for Pass Christian are: increases in all the work addition of Sunday school rooms, redecorating of the church property securing of an organ, visitation in a greater way, a revival, a school of missions, a vacation Bible school and a goal of 50 tithers.

privileged to preach in the first time that services were conducted there.

During the past week we have carried on the work as usual through visitation, enlisting tithers, and preaching when we had the opportunity. We attended a good service at Clinton, Sunday morning, January 19. In spite of the down-pour of rain the church was filled with worshippers. Dr. Spell preached a good sermon on "The Lord's Supper" and then the church observed. We preached in Taylorsville Sunday night for Brother Coulter. The people down there are saying good things about Brother Coulter and his good preaching. So much was said about his wonderful message Sunday morning on Amos 6: "At Ease in Zion"; he must have been shooting at the bull's eye, as I heard the bells ringing!

We attended the Pastors' Conference in Laurel, January 20. The fellowship was good, spirit was very fine and lots of good reports were given. The best one was John I. Hill's report, though he did not expect anybody to believe it. He said that in spite of the heavy rain, his crowds were as large Sunday as at any time and maybe a little better for the preaching hour; that it was raining so hard the people could not go home after Sunday School. Dr. Bell, former pastor of Parkway Church in Jackson, now pastor of the First Church in Hattiesburg, brought an inspirational message on "Personal Visitation Evangelism."

This week we are in a revival at Mayton, Rankin Association, with Brother R. H. Fitzgerald of Russell, Mississippi, pastor.

Our date calendar is being filled up for 1947 very fast but if there is anyone who reads this article and needs our help in any way, please notify this department and we will arrange to be there or either send some good preacher to do the work of the Lord.

Pray for us that the Lord may bless us in winning the lost to Christ and help us to establish the work in the rural communities and enlist Christians who are unenlisted.

—E. R. Pinson—



## DOROTHY PAGE

### CHAPTER X (Continued)

#### The Disciple Preacher

"It is right for them."

"Do you think anybody will be saved if he will only do what he thinks is right for him? Suppose a person should come up and say that he believed that touching the tip of the little finger in the water was baptism, would you say that baptism would be all right for him?"

"Well, hardly," he said with a laugh.

"I declare, Mr. Garland," said Dorothy, "you confuse me. I really don't understand what you believe. It may be my stupidity. I wish I did understand. One thing, however, seems clear to me, and that is that in the Bible teaching the first thing that comes after conversion is baptism. I certainly do not think that I ought to go to the communion table in a church before I have been baptized."

"You don't seem to be able to accept the views of Mr. Garland's denomination," said Sterling.

"I want to say," said Mr. Garland, "that there are variations within our own ranks. In some sections of the country our denomination is more radical in its views than in other sections. In the East our people are not so pronounced as we of the West are in regard to the relation of baptism to salvation."

In response to Sterling's remark to Dorothy about her accepting the doctrines of the Disciples, she replied:

"No, I cannot accept the views of Mr. Garland. I am not sure that I understand clearly what his doctrines are, and yet from what he has said about free or open communion and baptism I must say they do not seem to me to be in accordance with the Bible teaching. I am speaking frankly, Mr. Garland. I have been interested in your statement of the doctrines of your church, and I thank you for telling me about them."

"I am sorry that you have not had an abler champion of our doctrines to present them to you," said Garland with a smile. "If you can't join us you can't join the Methodists, nor the Presbyterians, nor the Episcopalians. You are therefore shut up to the Baptists."

"Oh, I do not think I could join them either. What do you mean, Mr. Sterling, exactly by their close communion?"

"I mean that they think they are better than anybody else, and that nobody but Baptists have any right to partake of the Lord's Supper. They are an ignorant, bigoted set and think that nobody can be saved who is not put under the water."

"Well, the Disciples believe that, don't they, Mr. Garland?"

"Ah, but not in the way the Baptists believe it," spoke up Sterling. "Miss Dorothy, there is a little Baptist mission here in the eastern part of town. I will take you over there that you may take a look at their base of operations, and I think a sight of it will set at rest any further inquiries as to the Baptists."

The members of the little Baptist mission to which Sterling referred worshiped in a plain, unsightly frame chapel. The city had raised the street that ran in front of the building so that the lot on which the chapel stood was left several feet below the level of the pavement and could be reached only by a rough board stairway from the street to the door of the building.

Here a Baptist minister had been

ministering to a small and struggling flock in connection with two other churches out in the county. The members were poor and many of them unlearned, and the pastor with such a poor building equipment found his task a difficult one.

"Daughter, I think you want to keep away from that Baptist crowd," said Mr. Page. "They are very small fry and I would hate to see you tied up with such folks."

"I have no intention of joining them, and yet I am much bewildered over this matter of church membership. What must I do? I cannot unite with any of these denominations that I have heard about without doing wrong to my conscience."

"Miss Dorothy, you do not have to endorse all the beliefs that every member of your church holds," said Sterling. "Where will you find such a church? Each person must interpret the Bible for himself and be accountable to God only. If a church is composed of Christian people, why is not that the essential thing, and why can you not join with them? You will have to live in Heaven with them, and why can you not live with them here?"

"I am living with them here. I mingle freely with them, but when Christians divide themselves up and group themselves according to their interpretations of Bible teaching, then I must join myself with those who interpret the Bible as I do."

"But suppose you cannot find any church group or denomination that interprets the Bible as you do; what will you do? You have not found such a people yet. Suppose you do not find such, will you stay out of all the churches?"

"That is a puzzling question. I am not sure just now what I ought to do if I find no denomination believing as I do. But really, I would rather stand alone, keeping loyal to my convictions regarding the Bible, than to compromise them in order to join some church. This is all very new to me, but I am determined to stand alone rather than go against my religious convictions. I know that each individual must interpret the Bible as best he can, and it must be his own conclusion, his own conviction, and I certainly shall not join a church whose doctrines I think are contrary to the Bible. Such a church is no place for me. I would be uncomfortable and I would be in constant controversy with the members."

"Well, there is no sin in controversy," said Sterling. "Our discussions, I hope, have not been very wicked. In fact, such discussions are often the best means for bringing people to see the truth. Why not come into our church simply on the ground that we are Christians like yourself, and then try to teach the other members the truths which you hold and which you think we ought to embrace? In other words, I should think you would have the best reason for coming in among us because we need the truth—according to your view—and you could come and sow the good seed among us."

"Oh, Mr. Sterling, what a strange thing you are saying. You surely don't mean it. Do you say that your church will take in people no matter what they believe?"

Sterling saw in a flash that in his eagerness to save Dorothy from joining some obscure sect he was advocating an impossible procedure.

Dorothy continued: "Your church

has its own special doctrines, does it not?"

"It does," said Sterling, seeing in advance the point to which she was aiming.

"Would your church accept a person who should apply for membership who should declare he could not accept the teachings of your church because he thought them unscriptural?"

"I surrender on that point, my fair antagonist," said Sterling with a smile. "But I will take down the church bars any fine morning for you and help you over the line into our ranks whenever you decide to come. I think I could swallow my Presbyterian doctrines or lay them on the shelf for a few days under those conditions, because I think in a short while after you had come in and gotten well acquainted with our denomination you would discover we are not far apart after all."

"Oh, Mr. Sterling, how can you talk in that fashion? I like a person who believes something, and though I may not agree with him, I can respect him for his convictions."

"That's a straight thrust you are giving me, and I guess I deserve it, but it was the thought of the fair recruit for our ranks that got my logic and my Presbyterianism into a mixup. So if I was guilty of inconsistency I must blame my accuser. But seriously, it looks as if you are shut up to joining the Baptists."

"No, Mr. Sterling, I do not have to join any denomination unless my convictions lead me to them. But why do you keep mentioning the Baptists? Are my beliefs nearer to theirs than to those of any other denomination?"

"Oh, no; I was joking that time. You do not believe as they do. Please consider them out of the question."

"Mr. Sterling, you make me curious to know what these Baptists do believe. Could we not get the pastor to explain their doctrines?"

"Miss Dorothy, that is not at all necessary," with a show of impatience. "I can give you their views. It is true they believe in immersion, but they have a horrible view about it. They believe that unless you are dipped you are doomed. They think infant baptism was born in the lower regions, and as for the communion they are as close as a clam, and in addition to this they have achieved brilliant success in the matter of ignorance and bigotry."

"Daughter," said Mr. Page with much earnestness, "keep on the other side of the road from that gang. There are some things that a father knows better than a daughter."

"Father, you would not object to my hearing a Baptist preacher tell what his denomination believes, would you?"

It occurred to the father that that would be the quickest plan for curing Dorothy of any curiosity she might have about the Baptists. He thought that a sight of that preacher would show her the impossibility of her linking herself with his people, and so he said:

"Yes, daughter, that will be all right. Hear the preacher. Let us all hear him and get his side of the question."

"Mr. Page," said Sterling, "I think it would be humiliating to you and your family to be entering into ne-

gotiations with that preacher about the views of his sect."

"Mercy, are they so very terrible?" asked Dorothy.

"They are not a wicked people, so far as I know," said Sterling. "They are a fairly good sort of people probably. In fact, our country is a fruitful soil for all manner of sects, with all sorts of peculiar doctrines."

"Are the Baptists a regular denomination like the other denominations?"

"In a sense I guess they are, and yet they are not in a class with the other prominent denominations."

"Sterling, suppose you get hold of that Baptist preacher and march him up for our investigation," said Mr. Page.

Mr. Walton was the pastor of the little Baptist church. He was also pastor of two country churches, east of them several miles from town, but as the town was about midway between the two points, Mr. Walton chose the town as his home.

He was much surprised next morning to receive a visit from the rich young Presbyterian elder, and still more surprised when Mr. Sterling told him the object of his visit. He listened with interest as Mr. Sterling told of Miss Page's desire to know the beliefs of the different denominations, "and of course," continued Mr. Sterling, "she does not wish to leave out any denomination". He said this in a tone that seemed to hint that, while the Baptists were hardly worth considering, yet they called themselves a denomination and therefore could not be omitted. Mr. Walton stated that he held himself ready always to give a reason for the faith that was in him, and that if Miss Page desired to know the doctrines held by his people he would cheerfully explain them to her. He was unwilling, however, he said, to force his views upon the young lady. It was finally agreed that Mr. Walton would call at Mr. Sterling's house, and that together they would go next door to the Pages'.

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## RIDDELL NOW IN COLOMBIA

Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Riddell, formerly of Laurel, missionaries in South America, have moved to their new work in Bogota, Colombia, in the heart of the Colombian Andes. The change from residence on the seacoast to living "in the clouds" where the yearly temperature remains about 50 degrees has been a hard adjustment, according to Rev. Riddell, but the family has made it now and they like the new location.

Among the tasks for which he is responsible is the printing of a Baptist paper in Spanish which has a circulation of 5,000, and which is very helpful in introducing the Baptists to people who never knew what their gospel meant. The distributing of the Baptist paper has made the work much easier, according to the missionaries. There is great need for enlarging the size of the paper and its scope, but funds at this time will not permit it, unless some special donation is given for that work.

The printed word and the radio are two of the most powerful means of securing attention in South America according to the missionary.

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A Christian job is any worth-while lifework through which a person expresses his Christian faith.—John Oliver Nelson, The Baptist Student.





DR. ELLIS A. FULLER

## President Fuller Reports to the People---Progress In Southern Seminary's Program of Expansion

Since I came to the presidency in 1942, we have persistently presented the needs of Southern Seminary. You will be encouraged to know that we have recently made very gratifying progress in the enlargement and improvement of our physical properties and equipment. Among these achievements may be listed the following:

Item: Two magnificent buildings of distinguished Georgian architecture located on 12 1-2 acres of land adjacent to the campus have been acquired for a Music School.

Item: One of the buildings has been completely equipped with four pianos and four pipe organs for the study of sacred music.

Item: The other building has been at-

tractively furnished as living quarters for the students of the music school.

Item: A new wing has been added to Norton Hall, giving us 5 regular classrooms, 2 speech rooms, seven seminary rooms, and rooms specially equipped for radio broadcasting and voice recording.

Item: The professors' offices have been completed and appropriately furnished.

Item: A 12-unit apartment house adjacent to the campus has been acquired.

Item: Our present chapel has been re-decorated and equipped with a new piano and two-manual pipe organ.

Item: A new cafeteria has been installed and the kitchen completely modernized.

Item: A new Seminary post-office will be installed; a full-time book store established; and a student supply center opened.

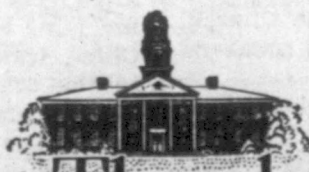
Item: Plans are being drawn for construction of a new chapel and substantial gifts have been received for this purpose.

These splendid improvements, made possible by the special gifts of a relatively few individual donors, indicate how easy it will be to meet all the urgent needs if other individuals will join in this worthy effort.

We have made good progress and we are grateful for the fine cooperation of loyal and consecrated friends, but we still have many objectives to attain.

When the physical equipment necessary for efficient service is acquired; when the faculty is increased to full strength; and when the school is made secure by additional endowment funds, we will then be ready to throw our full strength toward promoting every phase of our Kingdom Enterprise, at a relatively small continuing maintenance cost to the denomination.

A gift to the Seminary is a gift to a "going institution," to a vital vigorous succeeding institution. Investments in it are as safe as investments in government bonds. The dividends are eternal and, being spiritual, beyond price.



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## Brotherhood Department

### J. H. Street, Secretary

#### THE PASTOR AND THE BROTHERHOOD

John Farmer Writes

John A. Farmer, until recently Brotherhood-Sunday School Secretary in California, formerly with our Mississippi Sunday School Department, has prepared a most interesting discussion of the relationship of a pastor and the Brotherhood. We commend this treatment of a very vital subject to both pastors and Brotherhood members. Because of limitations of space, we quote only parts of the pamphlet prepared by Brother Farmer.

#### I. The Pastor's Relation to the Brotherhood

"He is pastor of the Brotherhood. He is the first officer and should be so recognized. He has a distinct and definite obligation to the men of the church. The men represent the greatest potential force of the church. As such, the pastor should lead in the training, development and enlistment of his men. The pastor should be in complete harmony with the Brotherhood and give it his interest and cooperation. Without this, the Brotherhood cannot succeed. He should be thoroughly in accord with plans and procedures. He ought to study Brotherhood work and know it in theory and practice. He must be vitally interested in the Brotherhood and attend its meetings whenever possible. He will remember that the Brotherhood meetings are primarily for the laymen, but should also be aware of the good influence that the pastor's presence has upon any meeting in the church. The pastor could work with the president in all Brotherhood activities.

No new movement or activity should be launched without the pastor's counsel, advice and approval.

The pastor should be consulted about the officers to be elected and in all cases the person chosen to be president should be acceptable to him.

#### Is Spiritual Leader

The pastor is the spiritual leader of the Brotherhood. "The servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle to all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves. . . ." (II Timothy 2:24). A good pastor can lead men anywhere, but never by strife. Men can be led but never driven. Through the Brotherhood the pastor will find it much easier to get things done than the men of the church should do. He should be available for conferences with the officers of the Brotherhood, particularly the president.

#### Advise Officers and Committees

He should know the work of the committees and be able to advise them. He should be able to suggest activities and services to be carried out by the Brotherhood. He should make available to the men records and lists of lost and unenlisted in the community. He should teach the men of the Brotherhood to present the plan of salvation and lead them out into soul-winning. He should study and understand the "Laymen's Revival" movement. He should be willing and ready to go all the way with the men in such movement.

#### II. The Brotherhood's Relation to the Pastor

The Brotherhood should be loyal to the Pastor's leadership. The first of the Brotherhood's objectives is "Loy-

alty to our Pastor". The men should support the pastor in the church services. Fervent prayer and a hearty "Amen!" by some of the laymen will set the pastor's heart on fire and just MAKE him preach! The men should attend every service of the church-Sunday School, Training Union, preaching services, mid-week service, deacons' meetings, workers' meetings of all kinds, and choir rehearsals.

The Brotherhood should prayerfully consider, heartily approve, and diligently execute the pastor's recommendations to the church. They should study and be informed as to the church program so that they can explain it to every church member.

#### Can Help at Many Points

The men should learn to visit. They should provide transportation to others who may desire to visit in the interest of the church. The Brotherhood should fully support the financial program of the church. They should encourage and work in stewardship campaigns.

#### Looks After Some Personal Needs

The Brotherhood should never countenance disloyal remarks about the pastor. They can uphold his good name and safeguard his fine influence. They may look after the needs of God's man at times in such matters as his home, clothes, automobile, and related affairs. The men should put the pastor at the top of their prayer list. A poor preacher can be transformed into a dynamic pastor—studious, energetic and fruitful, by the prayers of righteous men.

#### WELCOME, LINN!

Linn, Sunflower Association, Rev. Curtis Askew, pastor, has organized with fifteen enrolled. District President J. Wesley Miller and Pastor Advisor Van Hardin, both of Rolling Fork, went with the state Secretary to Linn on January 13 for the meeting planned by Brother Askew for initiating the organization.

The president is Lawrence Braswell, Route 1, Shaw. Other officers: vice-presidents, Troy Dawson, Bice McDade, and Will Blessitt. The secretary-treasurer is Roy Mitchell. They will meet twice monthly on Friday nights and will use the Journal.

#### AT CLARKE COLLEGE

Accepting the invitation of President W. E. Greene to hold their next associational meeting at Clarke College, the Jones County Brotherhood goes "out of bounds" for their meeting in April. This action was taken in the meeting at Mt. Oral Church January 17. President S. H. McDonnell was elated at the fine attendance in the midst of long-continued rainy weather. Fifteen churches sent 146 men to the gathering and seven visitors brought the total to 153. The program was most constructive. Dr. W. E. Green, of Clarke College and Rev. W. L. Compere, of Northside Church, Jackson, being the principal speakers.

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Only 38 per cent of the ministers of the Northern Baptist Convention have standard college and seminary education and 48 per cent lack even two years of college and three years of seminary training. Religious News Service reports that these statistics were given in Chicago recently at the meeting of a committee on theological education.



We are always happy to have visitors at our Baptist Building. The register, near the entrance, contains names of people from all over Mississippi and areas beyond who have been so see us. We herewith present a group of boys and girls with their leaders from Salem Baptist Church, Covington County, Brother Reese Rogers, pastor, as they recently came to see us.

We like for our boys and girls, as well as grown-ups, to come and let us get acquainted with them, and let them see how our Baptist work is carried on throughout this building.

#### 14 Texas Baptist Groups Apply For FM Stations

Dallas, Tex. (RNS)—Baptist groups in 14 Texas cities have applied for stations in the proposed Baptist state frequency modulation network, and a research fund of \$175,000 has been allotted to begin operation. However, it is expected that it will take a year for the network to start.

Applications for Baptist-operated FM stations include groups from Houston, Mt. Pleasant, Lubbock, Dallas, Harlingen, Tyler, and Henderson, as well as Baylor University at Waco, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Howard Payne College at Brownwood, and Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene.

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#### Carthage Brotherhood Works

Men of Lena and Carthage Brotherhoods met in a joint supper and program session in Carthage, January 13. The program, under the leadership of Program vice-president O. H. Barnett of Carthage, was so impressive that the pastor asked the Carthage men to use the same program in the morning worship hour, January 26. Participating with Mr. Barnett will be: Deacon-elect Paul Lee who will discuss "Sunday Observance"; Training Union Director A. D. Richardson will speak about "The Co-operative Plan" and Sunday School Superintendent M. D. Reagan will speak of "Spiritual Tithing".

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"Heirs of The Prophets" by Dr. Samuel Swemer is a study of the spiritual leaders of the Moslem world. It is a scholarly and informative survey of the most important and influential class in the world of Islam. The author, long a missionary in Moslem lands, puts it this way: "My conviction after forty years in Arabia and Egypt, including visits to North Africa, India, China, Iran, and Java, is that the key to the understanding of the masses lies in personal friendship with their clergy, the so-called imams, mullahs and sheiks." The author is professor emeritus of Missions and History of Religion at Princeton Theological Seminary. Published by the Moody Press, 153 Institute Place, Chicago 10, Illinois, the book sells for \$2. Orders should be sent to the publisher or to the Baptist Book Store.

#### CONSERVATIVE BAPTISTS OF NORTH SCHEDULE 3 MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY

The Conservative Baptists of the North will gather in February in three separate regional conferences to discuss matters pertaining to the Northern Baptist Convention's policies and the solution of the problems confronting them in regard to setting up a new organization. The National Steering Committee of Fifteen, headed by Rev. Gabriel R. Guedj of Brooklyn, has sent out a call to all Conservative Baptists of the North to meet in one of the three area assemblies. These are the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Chicago (Feb. 6-7), Baptist Temple, Brooklyn (Feb. 11-12) and the First Baptist Church, San Francisco (Feb. 19-20).

In the team of cross-country speakers will be Rev. R. S. Beal of Tucson, Dr. Vincent Brushwyler, General Director of the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society, Chicago; Judge Fred W. Fickett of Arizona, an outstanding Baptist layman of America; and others yet to be named. A forum on questions of the hour among Northern Baptists will be conducted by the various leaders and each area will adopt resolutions and conclusions to be acted upon by the steering Committee of Fifteen. It will be remembered that three years ago a like series of conferences was set up to deal with the modernistic trend of the Northern Baptist Foreign Missions and out of that conference was born the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society, which has had phenomenal growth and wide success.

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—(RNS)—Arkansas Baptists made gains in every phase of their activity the past year, the Rev. Taylor Stanfill, recording secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, announced. Membership of the churches now stands at 185,128 a gain of 4,068 during the year. There were 9,941 baptisms during 1946, a gain of 402 over 1945. Grand total of gifts for the year was \$4,058,590, an increase of \$744,486 over 1945.





## BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

CHAS. W. HORNER, Secretary

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DAUNIE JEAN SMITH, Office Secretary

### WHAT WE NEED TO BE

The world needs many things. Its primary and principal need, all Christians know, is Christ himself.

Christians likewise need many things. We Baptists need bigger and better church buildings, more Sunday Schools, Training Unions, W.M.U.'s, Brotherhoods, Church Music Departments, more Baptist Records in the homes of our people, more money left to the Baptist Foundation for distribution where it is needed, more church workers, more B.S.U. Secretaries, more many other things. Surely all of us believe that these needs are actual and great. Surely we are committed to the task of realizing these needs according to the measure in which they are the will of God.

But, you know, if we are wholly honest with God and with ourselves, we shall see that none of the things listed in our second paragraph is our greatest need. Our greatest need, what you and I need to be, is to be a soul winner. We need to live out the indwelling Christ so that the lost around and about us will be constrained to accept Him as their personal Saviour. We need to become great Christians so that our words, thoughts, motives, speech and actions will be Christlike, and being Christlike will inevitably draw men unto Him. We need to witness before those who never go to church and probably never will go to church unless we invite them or take them. When you and I think of the little or nothing we do in going out among the lost, we realize very poignantly (don't we?) what puny Christians we are. Make no mistake about it, whenever you and I come to think that because we attend Sunday School, Training Union, Sunday church services, BSU Council meetings and the like, that we are good Christians, we can rest assured that that idea came from the Devil himself. Jesus once said, "Except your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no wise see the kingdom of heaven." You know, I rather believe that there were several church - meeting-attenders in the crowd to whom He spoke.

As we consider the matter of Youth Revivals, as we think of any phase of our BSU work, let us continuously realize what we, you and I, primarily need to be: soul winners. Let us pray that God will help us to be willing to be soul winners. Let us ask Him to give us a passion for the lost, on our campuses, among the lovely and loveable, and among those hard to love. Then when we have this passion for the lost, let us go out among them and witness to the saving power of Christ, regardless of whether our pictures appear in the paper or anyone else save God knows about it.

### FEB. STUDENT OUT

Every issue of *The Baptist Student* is a good one, but I can't remember a better one than the February number, just received. Nicotine Nightmare, by Charles Wells; Rethinking the Purpose of BSU, by Mary Frances Davis, of Furman; Glorifying God Through Home Building, by Jackson's Nan Morgan Dean; This Is Love, by somebody;

Meet A Campus Veteran, and I Chose Evangelism, by Marjorie Moore, is as far as I've gone. If the rest are as good as these, bravo! Can't help adding that Mrs. Dean and Miss Moore's second article, especially, were both enjoyable and helpful. Mrs. Dean is the best writingest housewife I know, and Marjorie Moore, we all know, writes right into the hearts and minds of BSU'ers at her every journalistic appearance.

### MISSION VOLUNTEERS NOTE

If you are a home or foreign mission volunteer, probably you will be interested in spending next summer doing actual mission work under our Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. If so, write Dr. Courts Redford, Assistant Executive Secretary, The Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta 3, Ga. Better write soon for all application blanks must be received by February 15, and I don't imagine you have your application blank yet.

### MC HAS VOCATIONAL EMPHASIS

Gloria Smith, Mississippi College BSU Reporter, sends us the following excerpts from their Vocational Emphasis Week speeches: "The decision about your vocation should be reached at the earliest possible point for the sake of conservation." "A person will find God's will when they can make the greatest contribution, achieve the greatest integration, and find the greatest satisfaction." We have a certain aptitude that equips us to do certain things." "Your life is not to be happy or successful if Christ is not above all in your life. The man who resorts to short cuts and fraud and deception pays double for every gain."

### RETREAT AT MOORHEAD

The other day I received a gracious letter from Dr. O. P. Moore, Pastor of the Moorhead Baptist Church, stating that the church, community and Sunflower Junior College will be happy to entertain the State BSU Spring Retreat on April 25-26 of this year. Outgoing and incoming Executive Council Members, faculty advisers, pastor advisers, and student secretaries, especially, should plan to attend. Let us pray for a great meeting. We're glad we're going to Moorhead to be with Dr. Moore, Carla Allbritton, and the students and townspeople over there.

Frances Barbour, from the Nashville office is to be with us. Whom would you like for the one out-of-state speaker, for the student speakers, and for the other speakers? Wait a minute, don't write me yet! Pray about this and then write me.

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The February issue of the *Sunday School Builder* has for its theme "Visitation". Beginning with the objectives in visitation by Arthur Flake, there follow about a dozen fine articles on visiting. If you don't believe in visiting for the Sunday School these articles should convince you. Dr. Walter L. Johnson of Philadelphia is the author of the article in this issue on Purpose of Visitation.



## Department of Church Music

LUTHER A. HARRISON, Secretary



### O. L. CHAMBERS SCORES AGAIN

Mr. O. L. Chambers directed a White Christmas program at the First Baptist Church, Forest, Mississippi with a Young People's Singing Christmas Tree.

H. H. Ward, New Albany; W. W. Simpson, Indian Missionary. All of these have had county-wide schools of music during the last year.

### FARRETT CHOIR MENDENHALL GOES ALL OUT FOR GOOD MUSIC

Syd Doty, director of the First Baptist Church Choir, Mendenhall, plans to emphasize congregational singing this year. He plans to have a variety of special music using Solos, Duets, Trios, Women and Men choruses.

### PARKWAY, JACKSON, ADOPTS CHALLENGING PROGRAM

The new director of Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, is Mack Douglas. They now have a Junior Choir, an Intermediate Choir, a Young People's Choir and a Church Choir. They plan to organize a Training Union Ensemble. They have a Brotherhood Quartet. With this great program for Good Music, the director with the aid of associate directors will accomplish a great deal this year.

### SUMMER FIELD WORKERS' SCHEDULES BEING MADE

Requests are coming fast for Summer Schools. If your request reaches us this month you will have a choice of dates and teachers. Write today. These teachers are Public School Teachers, Band Directors and Good Musicians. \$35 is the cost to your church.

### PASTOR MODERATOR SMYLY HAS GREAT PLANS

Pastor C. J. Smyly, Blue Mountain, Mississippi, plans to have about five Schools of Music in his association this spring. He plans to use teachers and students of Blue Mountain College. This type of program will accomplish our purpose and goals. This ought to challenge other pastors and moderators.

### ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARIES AND MUSIC

Many of our Associational Missionaries are promoting a great music program along with their other work. Outstanding in this work are: S. J. Rhodes, Pearl River County; Martin J. Gilbert, Lauderdale County; Kenneth G. Hall, Philadelphia; H. T. McLaurin, Newton; John B. Laney, Booneville;

### NEW MUSIC DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES

The new Church Music Diplomas and Certificates are printed and available for distribution. If you had "Let Us Sing" or "Music and The Scriptures" during 1946 you can get a certificate by requesting it from our office. Four books are required for a Diploma. They must be four different fields: (1.) Theory (2.) Music Appreciation (3.) Music Ministry (4.) Integrating Courses. More information will be given in a pamphlet ready April 1, 1947.

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The Central Avenue Baptist church of Memphis under the leadership of Rev. J. S. Riser, Jr., formerly of Mississippi, shows remarkable gains during the present pastorate which began January 1, 1943. A total of 469 people came into the membership. The budget has grown from \$13,636 to \$25,306; cooperative program support has risen from approximately \$65 a month to \$421 per month; \$20,000 in bonds has been placed in the building fund; the church and organ indebtedness has been paid off and a pastor's home bought. Ten young people have answered the call for special service from the church. Gifts to associational missions have also increased.

Intermediates want and need their pastor to be their partner. They want to know, love, and emulate not only him but also his wife. The friendship of a good pastor and his wife may mean the difference between a life wasted and a life spent in Christian service; yes, it may mean the difference between death in trespasses and life in Christ.—Harold G. Sanders, Teacher.

There will be an estimated 5,600 Baptist churches in the Southern Baptist Convention reporting no baptisms in 1946. This is nearly 1,000 fewer than in 1944.

The *Baptist Record* is grateful to a prominent business man of North Mississippi who recently sent a check for \$53 for 53 new and renewal subscriptions for a country church which we suspect is his old home community.



## Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary

W. R. ROBERTS, Associate

MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary



MISS WILLIE MERLE O'NEILL

Miss Willie Merle O'Neill, superintendent of Cradle Roll work, of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., will direct the Cradle Roll conferences at the state Sunday School Convention in the First Baptist Church, McComb, March 11-12.

We are sure that many Cradle Roll workers over the state will take advantage of this splendid opportunity to improve their work.

### Send Them In Now

Many Standard applications are coming to us these days. We are glad to get all of them, and urge other leaders of schools, departments and classes to be sure and see that their applications are sent to us right away so the recognitions can be given to all who deserve it because of the excellent work done.

Blanks for making applications will be gladly sent on request.

Do not delay; act today.

### Here's The Record!

From recent reports from Nashville we glean the following facts and figures on some records from Mississippi for last year:

The largest number of Sunday school training awards ever in one year, with 2210 more awards than in 1941 which was the previous all-time high.

We also note that for last October and November Mississippi was fifth among all the states in the South in the total number of awards for the two months.

In checking the standards we found that in schools we stood sixth; Extension departments, tied for second place; Adult departments, tied for third place; Adult classes, third; Young People's classes, tied for sixth; Intermediate departments, fifth; Intermediate classes, sixth; Junior departments, third; Junior classes, fourth; Primary departments, tied for seventh; Beginner departments, tied for fourth; Nursery departments, tied for fourth; Cradle Roll departments, third.

We had fifth place in the total number of standard units for the year.

Except for California (with but few schools and a small enrollment), we led all the states in the largest percent of increase in Sunday school enrollment.

These are the records made by thousands of fine, faithful, efficient Sunday school workers all over Mississippi, and we are indeed happy to

give them the figures so they can rejoice in some of the good gains that were made during the year. All of these items represent much hard work, patient and wise performance, earnest prayer, sincere study, and a deep desire to help advance the cause of Christ through the great Bible study program as offered in our Sunday schools each week.

Yes, it was a great year in many ways; may this one be even greater in more ways. May we launch out to carry the message to all the schools in each association that more people may be reached and helped thereby.

### CANTON SETS NEW RECORD

On Sunday, December 22, the Sunday school of the First Baptist Church, Canton, set a new all-time attendance record with 315 present.

We offer congratulations to pastor John W. Landrum, superintendent D. A. Spence and all their co-workers in this good work.

### PHILADELPHIA HAS MISSION

The First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, has recently organized a mission Sunday school in their city. That is the thing that needs to be done in many, many other places in order to make regular Bible study available to people whom we are not now reaching.

Dr. Walter L. Johnson is the pastor and Mr. W. W. Jones the superintendent of this fine school that led in organizing this mission.

### THE JANUARY BUILDER

Each issue of the Sunday School Builder is good, but it seems to us that the one for January of this year was just about the best one we have ever seen. There are more good things in it for Sunday school workers than one would expect to find in the same number of pages of any one magazine.

As we read and read the many splendid articles, we again and again thought that any superintendent can build a bigger and better Sunday school by a faithful study of the Builder each month and thereby applying to his school the wisdom found in so many articles, suggestions, etc.

We were so impressed by the fact that for practically every department there were worship program suggestions, and also good ideas for the meetings of the officers and teachers.

Yes, Brother superintendent, it is really good! If you have not carefully read it, go back and do it. It will be time well spent, especially if wise application is made of some good thoughts and ideas.

Read the Builder carefully each month.

### Linwood, Neshoba, Moves Forward

Linwood Church, Neshoba County, under the direction of pastor H. D. Hawkins, is going forward. Plans are to be in the new building soon.

The W.M.S. sponsored a banquet the latter part of December. The auxiliaries are wide awake according to Pastor Hawkins.

The Sunday School and Training Union are not only growing in enrollment, but the attendance is increasing. The attainment of the Sunday School standard is in sight.



REV. W. R. SWENSON

### Swenson Ordained To Full Ministry

William R. Swenson was ordained to the gospel ministry at the Ora Baptist church on December 15, 1946. The presbytery was composed of Rev. Reese Rogers, moderator; Rev. R. R. Darby and Rev. S. F. Carlisle. Rev. Darby preached the sermon, Bill Duckworth led in the prayer and Rev. Carlisle gave the charge. Rev. Rogers led in the closing prayer.

The new pastor of Ora church is a native of Minnesota, being the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Swenson of Minneapolis. For four years he was with the Army Air Force, being discharged in October 1945. He entered Mississippi College for his college training.

Mrs. Swenson is the former Sara Sharp of Union, Miss. They have two sons, William, Jr., and Harold. He was called as pastor at Ora in October, 1946.

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### Black Jack Church History Recounted

By Mrs. Corinne Rust

PELICAN, La.—Bethel Baptist church, better known as "Black Jack Church," on account of the black jack grove that surrounds it, was founded in 1843, in Yazoo county, 10 miles east of Yazoo City, Miss.

A few white charter members and 9 slave members, comprised the congregation of this new church, built of hewn logs, seated with home-made benches, one side for women, the other for men, as was the custom then.

Later a large frame building was erected and in 1924, a lovely brick structure was built.

This was the writer's home church until 1893, when I joined Pelican church, being now the oldest living member. The oldest living member of the Yazoo church, is Mrs. Bettie Stubblefield, 90, whose membership dates back three quarters of a century and she still takes an active interest in the well-being of this old church.

(Mrs. Rust has a son and grandson in the Baptist ministry. They are (1) Rev. Malcolm Rust of Lucedale, Miss., and (2) Rev. Ray Rust of New Orleans.)—Editor, Baptist Message)

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The Bible is God's holy Book, inspired and inspiring. For the Christian the Bible is sword as well as armor. Because of what it does for those who come under its influence, the Bible ought to be known and read of all men.—John Caylor, The Baptist Training Union Magazine.

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

R. A. Eddleman, Clinton, Mississippi Brother N. A. Edmonds accepted the call to Eupora and Kilmichael and is already on the field.

Pastor G. S. Jenkins has resigned his churches at Chalybeate and Walnut to accept the call to Whiteville, Tenn. He will be succeeded at Chalybeate by the Rev. Harvey Gray, who is also pastor at Ripley.

The Churches at Mount Olive and Seminary have extended a call to Brother A. S. Johnson, just now completing his work at Ft. Worth Seminary.

The church at Morgan City on last Sunday called J. B. Gordon of Clinton and he has begun his work with them. The first thing he did for them was to get the Record put into the budget to go to every member. A good start.

The Fayette Church and one or two others nearby have called Brother G. C. Hodge, just now finishing his work at the Fort Worth Seminary and he will soon be on the field.

Pastor J. B. Quinn enters hopefully on his work at Prentiss. Two large congregations greeted him on his first day and the home had been put in good state of repairs.

The churches at Morton and Pelahatchie have called R. L. Wallace of Inverness and they are hopeful of his acceptance. He and his wife are natives of Scott County.

Utica goes on the Honor Roll of Churches having the Baptist Record in the budget. Pastor Hargrove has always done well, but he is doing better since he married.

Rev. W. Rufus Beckett will be on the field as pastor of Philadelphia soon.

### Mississippi Calendar Of Prayer

February 2—Baptist World Alliance Sunday; Deer Creek Sunday School Enlargement Campaign; Leadership Schools for B. T. U. workers in Pearl River and Jones Counties.

February 3—Cooperative Program State-wide Promotional Meeting in Jackson.

February 4—Rev. Paul Z. Ball, Perry County Convention Board Member.

February 5—E. C. Polk, Vice-president, Mississippi Baptist Foundation.

February 6—Rev. Kermit Canterbury, President B.T.U. District 3; Miss Alene Johnson, Office Secretary, Training Union Department.

February 7—Rev. David Cranford, Tallahatchie County Convention Board member; Miss Roma Jones, Bookkeeper, Convention Board.

February 8—Pray for Stewardship Sunday tomorrow; M. F. Rayborn, Secretary Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood Convention.

February 9—B.S.U. Evangelistic Emphasis, February 9-16; Y.W.A. Focus Week, February 9-15.

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A final characteristic of the dedicated worker is that he undertakes his duties with constant enthusiasm and vision. Such a worker in office or shop or market is really a "minister" responding to his calling of God in that place.—John Oliver Nelson, The Baptist Student.

The January Sunday school lessons present a challenge for every Christian worker to the noblest resolutions. It is a call to evangelism, to brokenhearted compassion for a lost world, to a renewed emphasis on the profound simplicity of the plan of salvation.—Robert E. Naylor, The Sunday School Builder.



## Sunday School Lesson

Lesson for February 2

**JESUS THE SON OF GOD: DEMONSTRATION, DECLARATION, ATTENTION.** John 4:43-5:47; 11:1-12:11.

**I. Setting the Scenery.** We have in the lesson material assigned us enough to furnish the basis for a whole quarter's study. I can ask only that you read all the Bible text assigned, and then give attention to this brief treatment of the subject of this article. The scene is the brink of a pool by a gate in the city wall.

**II. Demonstration.** John 5:2-9. For thirty-eight years a man had been paralyzed, and for a long while had lain near this intermittent spring, the bubbling of whose waters was thought to carry healing properties which were a catholicon for all ailments to which the flesh is heir. Jesus found the poor unfortunate lying near the pool and asked him this question: "Wouldst thou be made whole? Dost thou desire to be healed? Do you want to get well?" This He asked in order to attract the man's attention and get him to commit himself to an effort to cooperate with any healing effort that might be made in his behalf.

The sick man had just about lost hope. He thought of only one thing that might be effective in healing him and he could devise no plan of coming by that remedy. "I have no man" to help me, was his cheerless plaint.

Let us look closely at our Lord's question. 1. Personal. "WILT THOU?" are YOU willing? God searches out the individual and loads upon him the responsibility of answering for himself. 2. "WILT thou?" are you WILLING? In the realm of the will, God has made man sovereign. Even God can not, because He will not, override the will. Each man must will for himself, and no one can will for another. 3. "Be made?" In the act of receiving God's blessings, man must be passive beyond the simple act of willing. Man must be still and receive. Not do a lot of things, or anything, except let go, let God. 4. "Whole?", well? entire? Christ does not heal slightly or partly. When He heals the wounded heart, the sin-sick soul, the paralyzed body and paralyzed spirit, He makes the whole man whole. His salvation is a whole salvation with no lack left to break the heart. So this paralytic was made completely whole. He carried his bed away with him.

**III. Declaration.** This declaration of His essential deity, His equality with God, His sonship to God, was wrung from our Lord. The Pharisaic sticklers for the observance of the Sabbath criticized the healed paralytic for carrying his bed. When they learned who had healed him, they turned from their criticism of the healed man to the persecution of Jesus. His answer to their criticism was, "My father works even until now, and I work". The Jews tried to kill Jesus, because He broke the sabbath not only, "but called God His Father, making Himself equal with God". Well, I call your attention to the fact that Jesus did call God His Father, in the face of the fact that our Unitarian friends and a bunch of other dupes of the devil, including some modernistic Baptist preachers, make unblushingly the

statement that Jesus nowhere claimed to be the Son of God. Now read on! "The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He seeth the Father doing: for whatsoever He doeth, these the Son doeth in like manner". V. 19. Just go on now and read all the remainder of the chapter for the declaration again and again repeated that by the Lord that He was the Son of God.

**IV. Attestation.** Vv. 33-47. In these verses our Lord sets forth a four-fold witness to the truthfulness of His deposition, and His relationship to God. 1. John the Baptist had borne testimony of Him, a testimony which many had believed. 2. The very works that He had done, the signs He had given in the miracles He had performed, all bore testimony to His deity. Your re-

ceiving set brings you the voice of a great singer and, recognizing it, you say, "That is John Charles Thomas". You come across a great picture you have never seen, but, being an art critic you say, "That is a Rembrandt". You see a fine car coming down the road, and knowing the lines followed by the different builders, you say, "That is a Lincoln". Likewise when you see the works that only God can do being done by anyone, you say, "The doer of those works is God". So Jesus claimed that He was doing what only God could do. 3. The Father bore witness of Him at His baptism. Again on the Mount of Transfiguration, there came the voice, "This is my Son, my beloved, in whom I am well pleased, hear ye Him". John the Baptist had heard that voice, and the

three disciples with Him heard it on the Mount. Again, after His burial, the Father bore witness in that He raised Jesus from the dead. Finally, He bore witness in that He received the risen Jesus into heaven. 4. The scriptures of the Old Testament, the writings of Moses in the law, of David in the Psalms, and of the Prophets in their proclamation of the word of God and their foretelling of the events of the future, all attested His equality with the Father.

Over and again it is necessary for the believer in the essential deity of Jesus to review the evidence upon which he founds His faith in the Savior of his soul. When such time comes to you, read John five, and take courage.



"Let the Redeemed of the Lord say so."

## STEWARDSHIP DAY

**February 9**

or Nearest Convenient Sunday

### WHAT IT IS

1. A day in the Calendar of Denominational Activities for special emphasis on Christian Stewardship.
2. A day to challenge Southern Baptists to take God at his word and resolve to contribute the Scriptural portion of their net income to the Lord's work.
3. A day to call for, count, and record those who will be among the million Southern Baptist Tithers for Christ.

### THE WHY OF IT

1. To inform our people on the Glorious Doctrine and Blessed Life of Christian Stewardship.
2. To urge our people to enter into a closer, happier, more effective partnership with Christ.
3. To help provide a permanent, dependable, practical support for all Christian causes.

### HOW OBSERVE IT

1. Urge all the people to attend all church services that day.
2. Have short tithing talks and testimonies in all services that day.
3. Have sermons stressing Scriptural basis and spiritual blessings of Christian Stewardship.
4. Call for, Count, and Record in a Book of Remembrance the names of present and would-be-tithers.

**Wanted:** A MILLION SOUTHERN BAPTIST TITHERS FOR CHRIST

The Executive Committee

**SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION**

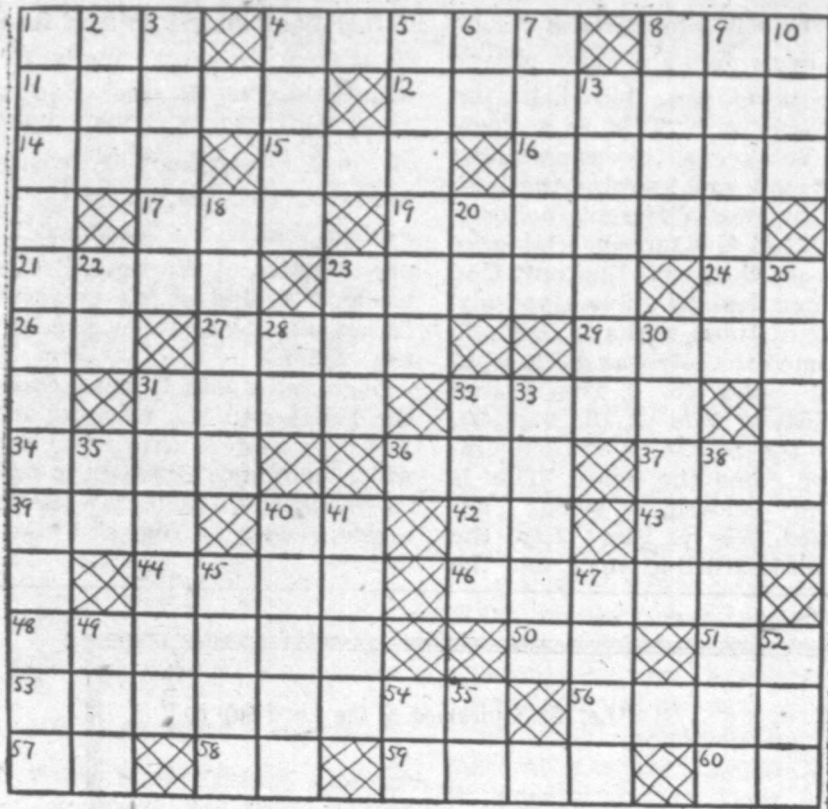
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**COUNT US IN TOO!**





## OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



"See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men."—1 Thess. 5:15.

## ACROSS

- 1 "Quench not . . . Spirit"
  - 4 " . . . your own selves"
  - 8 "But let us, . . . are of the day"
  - 11 Seven, a combining form
  - 12 Revived
  - 14 Epistle that Paul wrote
  - 15 Our Country
  - 16 Style of painting
  - 17 "be patient toward . . . men"
  - 19 "I am made all . . . to all men."
  - 21 Sportsman's halloo
  - 23 "nor the . . . by night" (pl.)
  - 24 Hawkeye State
  - 26 " . . . so would we have it"
  - 27 Clothing
  - 29 "they shall turn away their . . ."
  - 31 "and . . . the traditions which ye have been taught"
  - 32 "Therefore, brethren, stand . . ."
  - 34 Burden
  - 36 Influenza
  - 37 Part of the foot
  - 39 Father of Josua
  - 40 General Secretary
  - 42 King of Bashan
  - 43 Possessive pronoun
  - 44 "Faithful is he . . . calleth you"
  - 46 "even as others . . . have no hope"
  - 48 Small area
  - 50 Translation
  - 51 God in Hebrew names
  - 53 Told
  - 56 Land measure
  - 57 Paul counts as one
  - 58 "For this . . . the will of God"
  - 59 "zealous of . . . works"
  - 60 "the day of the Lord . . . cometh as a thief in the night"
- Our Text from Thessalonians is 4, 17, 19, 31, 32, 44, 46, 58, and 59 combined

## DOWN

- 1 Both Epistles to the . . . were written by 4 down
- 2 False fruit of a rosebush (var.)
- 3 "Now an omer is the tenth part of an . . ."
- 4 " . . . called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ"
- 5 4 down was this when he "stood in the midst of Mars' hill"
- 6 Old Dominion
- 7 Marbles and watches bear this name
- 8 "the shadow of thy . . ." (sing.)
- 9 Ruler of district in old Norway
- 10 song
- 13 Glasses
- 18 Christ, the divine word
- 20 " . . . every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters"
- 22 " . . . not so, my Lord"
- 23 "thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee . . ."
- 25 "ye that ride on white . . ."
- 28 God in Hebrew names

- 30 Athenian
- 31 "Esau was a cunning . . ."
- 32 "and the waters . . ."
- 33 Anything
- 35 Greek letter
- 38 "lest that by any means, when I have preached to . . ."
- 40 Festivals
- 41 Let it stand
- 45 Son of Lotan Gen. 36:22
- 47 Son of Enoch; raid (anag.)
- 49 Animal
- 52 Constellation
- 54 For example
- 55 " . . . it heartily, as to the Lord"

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## NORTHERN BAPTISTS TO LAUNCH EVANGELISM CRUSADE

New York—(RNS)—A nation-wide Crusade of Evangelism will be conducted during 1947-48 by the Northern Baptist Convention as the first phase of a projected five-year expansion program of the denomination's Crusade for Christ, it was announced here at Convention headquarters.

The enlarged program also will stress world missions, stewardship, Christian teaching, and Christian social progress as well as evangelism. Preparations for the first year will begin at once, and the national campaign will be launched at the denomination's annual meeting in Atlantic City, N. J., next May.

Dr. Sidney W. Powell, minister of First Baptist church, St. Paul, Minn., has been appointed general chairman of the Crusade. The Rev. Dr. G. Pitt Beers, of New York, executive secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, is national director.

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How fortunate you and I are in the possession of the Bible, God's revelation of himself. The Bible is fundamentally a book about God. It tells us all that we need to know about God—his pre-existence, his creative power, his definite interest in his creation, his mightiness, his wisdom, his justice, his wrath, his love, his compassion, his patience, his mercy, his grace—these, and all other traits of the character of God are clearly even pictorially set forth in God's Book.—John L. Hill, The Baptist Training Union Magazine.

## O. B. U. Gets \$200,000 Worth Of Government Equipment

SHAWNEE, Okla., Nov.—(Special)—Dr. John W. Raley, president of Oklahoma Baptist university, accompanied by Dr. Orin Cornett, vice-president and Paul Nance, business manager recently went to Fort Worth, Texas to aid in shaping the plans for remodeling and moving \$200,000 worth of buildings and science equipment recently received in a government grant.

Two barracks from the Clinton naval base, original cost of which was around \$90,000, will be moved to O.B.U. by the bureau of community facilities and remodeled into 10 classrooms and five laboratories, Dr. Raley announced.

Every item of needed equipment, from test tubes to typewriters, will be provided by the government in order that the Shawnee university next year may accommodate 500 additional veterans. "It is part of the national program to expand present educational institutions so that they can take care of veterans, rather than build new ones which would later be abandoned," Raley explained.

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Total offerings of Calvary church, Jackson, totalled \$123,299 for the year 1946.

Home Life helps to meet the problems of everyday Christian living in the intimate family circle. It gives a positive human-interest answer to these problems by focusing attention on home life in the South that is successfully Christian.—Joe W. Burton, The Sunday School Builder.

It is my firm conviction that Jesus was born of the virgin Mary in the way declared by Matthew and Luke and corroborated by other writers of the New Testament. If Jesus was born of parents as we were, then he would have had a nature like us and would not have been able to have provided salvation for us.—Austin Crouch, The Sunday School Builder.

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It is interesting to see how our unions have taken to the Bible Reading Crusade. Hundreds of requests for the leaflets have come in, and we are having to hold a number of requests until we can get additional leaflets. Paper is scarce, and printing is hard to get, so just be patient. You will receive the leaflets just as soon as we can possibly get them to you. In the meantime let other pastors and unions make their requests. We expect to have enough to supply every one sooner or later, who makes requests.

Think of 2,000,000 people reading the same scripture every day this year! Of course there will be a great many more than that who will be reading the Bible, but 2,000,000 reading the Training Union readings! My, what an inspiration. 2,000,000 people listening to God's voice every day as he talks to them through His Word. Be one

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### PIKE'S LEADERSHIP SCHOOL A SUCCESS

Our first Leadership School of the year was with Pike Co., January 12-17. The classes were held at Central Church McComb, Rev. Fred Bookter, Pastor. First Church McComb was co-host church for the occasion, Rev. Wyatt Hunter, pastor of First Church. The school started off on Monday night with an attendance of 126. The largest class being the adults and general officers class. There were 52 in this class the first night. 15 churches were enlisted in the school, East McComb leading in attendance. The school was marked by the large attendance of pastors. How blessed that association is with good, progressive, pastors. Although the week was a "wet" one the people came and we feel that it was a great success, and rather set the pace for our training union program for the year. As this is being written we are in a Leadership School in Lebanon Association. We hope to give you a report on this school next week.

### MIZE STEPS BACK INTO TRAINING UNION

It was the privilege of Miss Louise Hill of the Training Union Department to spend the first week in January with the Church at Mize. Mize has, in the past had good training union work but for awhile it has not been active. Their pastor was interested in getting it started at the beginning of the new year so made the appeal to the Training Union department for help. We were glad Miss Hill had that week open and could serve this worthy church. As a result of the visit a four unit Training Union was organized. Mrs. Glenn Merritt was elected director; Mr. B. W. McAlphin, president of the Adult Union; Mrs. Wayne Jones, leader of the Intermediate Union; Mrs. H. D. Stephens, Leader of the Junior Union; Miss Laverne Walters, Leader of the Story Hour. Looks like they are organized for business! And that's right. Miss Hill reports good interest and feels that the week was well spent. Congratulations, Mize.

### WHAT FAITH DOES

"Faith came singing into my room, And other guests took flight; Fear and Anxiety, grief and gloom Sped out into the night. I wondered that such peace could be, But Faith said gently, 'don't you see, They really cannot live with me.'"

—Copied

Some one has said — "The union that does not toot for the Baptist Record isn't worth a TOOT". We are a little inclined to agree with that one. Let your union have as one of its projects right soon the canvassing of the church membership (if your church does not have the E.F. Plan) to solicit subscriptions for the Baptist Record. Write Editor Goodrich, Box 530, Jackson 105, Miss., for general information. That will be a good activity for February.

In our general assembly during the Pike Co., Leadership School we asked

### Lee Chambers Goes To Bowmar Avenue

Mr. Lee Chambers has accepted the position of Educational Director and Pastor's Assistant with the Bowmar Baptist church of Vicksburg. He moved on the field January 17th and has begun his work with Pastor Homer W. Roberson. Brother Chambers has been with the Forrest Baptist church and the State music department. He received his training in the field of religious education and church music from Clarke Memorial college and the New Orleans Baptist Seminary. He has served similar positions in North Carolina, Alabama, Louisiana, before coming to Mississippi about two years ago. Mrs. Chambers is very talented in church music.

For the benefit of the churches with which Brother Chambers has engagements for schools of music during the next few months, Pastor Homer W. Roberson states that Mr. Chambers will keep his previous engagements.

Brother Chambers will direct the organizational life of Bowmar Avenue Church, serve as pastor's assistant and direct the music program of the church. We feel very fortunate in securing this consecrated and talented couple to work with our church.

—BR—

Antioch Church, Lawrence County, recently installed Butane gas. Rev. M. M. Brown is pastor.

On Sunday, Feb. 9th, Jarrett Faulkner and Robert Onkst will be ordained as Deacons of The Tocowa Baptist Church.

for the show of hands of any there who were from homes where the Baptist Record was not a weekly visitor. How many hands do you think went up! NARRY one! Isn't that fine. The Training Union and the Baptist Record go together. Let's make it 100% true in every church.

### ELEVEN CHURCHES IN STUDY COURSE PROGRAM THIS WEEK IN MARION COUNTY

Here they are—First Columbia, Goss, Cedar Grove, Clear Creek, Spring Cottage, Improve, Oloh, Foxworth, Sandy Hook, Kokomo, and Bunker Hill. Eleven churches in Marion working together this week in a simultaneous study course. The first nine mentioned have a visiting worker with them. The campaign was launched last Sunday afternoon in a mass meeting held at Columbia to which all the churches in the association were invited. The class work starting on Monday night. We hope to have a good report of this program for you soon. Mr. T. E. Davis of Goss is the Associational Director, and is right in there pushing the program. He is blessed by having a group of interested, cooperative pastors working with him.

### NEXT WEEK PEARL RIVER PROMOTES TWO LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

Next week in Poplarville and in Picayune Leadership Schools will be held. The association is so large it was thought wise to have one in each end of the association. Three state workers will be in each of the schools and we are expecting these to be great experiences with many of the churches of the association sending their leaders in to the classes. Mr. Abrams, Misses Hill and Conner will be working in the Picayune School, and Mr. Wilds, Mrs. Greenoe and Miss Johnson will be serving the Poplarville School.



LEE CHAMBERS

Home Life's editorial policy is based on the thesis that Christianity must find expression in activity, and that the Christian home is thus helpfully related to all useful Christian organizations. Thus the magazine seeks to cultivate the purposeful relation of the home to every church organization.—Joe W. Burton, The Sunday School Builder.

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## GOING PLACES

BY A. L. GOODRICH

## HARMONY IS NUMBER 847

A recent addition to the growing list of EVERY FAMILY churches is Harmony, Pearl River County. The EF list of 35 names was recently sent by the church treasurer, Robert W. Smith.

This list helped the Baptist Record stay above the 56,000 mark in circulation and also helped make Pearl River county a leading Baptist Record county.

Pearl River county has Record readers listed as follows: BETHEL 61, Carriere 5, Corinth 7, GOODYEAR 78, JUNIPER GROVE 69, NAPOLEON 28, NEW PALESTINE 21, Nicholson 49, PICAYUNE FIRST 275, PINE GROVE 71, POPLARVILLE FIRST 150, Union 46, Spring Hill 1, McNeil 1, NEW HENLEY FIELD 41, Derby 30, ZION HILL 13, WHITE SAND 12, Harmony 35, Roseland Park 35, West Union 25, Ozona 10.

## ALL IS ALL

When a church sends the Record to all its families that is ALL. A recent letter from church clerk, E. G. Parker, states that the list he enclosed, new and renewals, is the total membership of the Wilkinson Memorial church in Smith County.

More and more churches are learning that "Informed Baptists are better Baptists". One way to have informed Baptists is to send the Baptist Record into every home.

Smith county now has a large list of Baptist Record churches with subscriptions credited as follows: Bethel 18, Burns 1, GOODWATER 36, LEAF RIVER 68, Lorena 7, MIZE 24, Oak Grove 9, Polkville 30, Raleigh 100, Rocky Hill 12, SYLVARENA 39, TAYLORSVILLE 76, WHITE OAK 62, Wilkinson Memorial 47, Sardis 2, Beaver Dam 1, Shady Grove 30, CLEAR CREEK 15, Rose Hill 1, FELLOWSHIP 31, BEULAH 55, PLEASANT HILL 21, Mt. Pleasant 4, TED 30, CLEAR SPRINGS 11, Mt. Carmel 22, Concord 31, New Home 5, UNION 34.

## WOODLAWN-WARREN COUNTY IS NUMBER 846

Woodlawn church, Warren county is one of the youngest churches in the state but it has the EVERY FAMILY Plan and is enrolled as number 846.

Recently organized through the leadership of county missionary James Fairchild, the church realized the value of information and inspiration and turned to the Baptist Record as a valuable aid.

The EF list was sent by the church treasurer, M. J. Gallagher whose address is 44 Bonelli Building, Vicksburg.

Warren county Record readers are now listed as follows: BOWMAR AVENUE 102, CALVARY 21, Vicksburg First 20, ANTIOCH 36, GRACE 15, WOODLAWN 30.

## SECOND CHURCH-KOSCIUSKO

Second church, Kosciusko is one of the latest churches to join the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record.

Recently a list of the families was received from the church along with instructions to keep the members of Second church informed about Baptist

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money. Few seem to think that the habit formed in the living room often leads to gambling and ruin.

Dancing in those days was condemned by a host of pastors and laymen as being in violation of the spirit and teachings of the New Testament. Now dancing is common and, in not a few Christian colleges, the endowments of which were given by devoted Christians, it is permitted, if not encouraged. We are informed that in some Georgia cities the civic organizations include dancing in their program of play with which some of the leading pastors are identified.

Over in Columbus, well meaning persons have organized a Christian Fellowship Association. An occasional reader of *The Index* living in Alabama, sent us a clipping from one of the Columbus papers in which the history of the organization and its purposes are told. An article by Frank R. Harper pictures the Fellowship in which dancing, bowling, bridge and a "sing sing" are in progress. We can understand how a thousand women, which is the number said to belong to the Fellowship, would enjoy bowling and singing. But how a thousand women of a Christian organization can sponsor dancing and card playing, is more than we can understand. Granted that those who indulge in this "balanced development" activity, so called, do no harm and commit no sin, how can a Christian Fellowship Association encourage and train young people in a "pastime" which in many cases will wind up in a "dine and dance" road house or in a gambling dive or brothel?

Just a few years ago, our churches disciplined members for drunkenness and preachers denounced drinking. Some continue so to speak against this evil, but too many pulpits of today are silent. Americans spent more than \$7,000,000,000 for liquor last year. Church members consumed most of this vast volume of liquor. Yet, it is safe to say that not a half dozen

affairs by means of the Baptist Record.

Baptist Record readers in Attala county are now listed as follows: Second, Kosciusko 64, ANTIOCH 22, Berea 23, BEULAH 27, Bowlin 18, Carson Ridge 51, Ebenezer 3, ETHEL 42, Hurricane 9, KOSCIUSKO FIRST 262, McAdams 26, McCool 10, New Salem 3, PLEASANT RIDGE 14, Sallis 5, Sand Hill 1, Springdale 7, WILLIAMSVILLE 37, County Line 46, Pilgrim's Rest 11, UNITY 25, North Union 3, YOKENOKANY 15, Hopewell 3, Jerusalem 1.

## YOUNG STARTS RIGHT

Rev. Bill Young, Jr., was recently called as pastor of Calvary church, Greenville. Having seen the Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY plan in operation in his home church and at Clinton he knew its value. Thus he lost no time in getting the EF Plan installed in Calvary church.

In his letter sending the list, Pastor Young wrote: "I fully believe that the Record will help us as we grow in Christ."

Record readers in Washington county are now listed as follows: Issaquena 1, ARCOLA 52, GREENVILLE FIRST 284, Greenville Second 17, HOLLANDALE 115, LELAND 227, Swiftwater 11, FERRIDAY 21, DARLOVE 44, Chatham 1, ALEXANDER MEMORIAL 17, Calvary 8, EAST 22, GLEN ALLEN 22.

Gulfport Calls  
Odle As Pastor

Rev. Joe T. Odle of Crystal Springs has accepted the call to become pastor of the First Baptist church at Gulfport, and will begin his work February 15. The new Gulfport pastor is one of the most brilliant and successful young ministers in Mississippi. His work at the dynamic Crystal Springs church has been outstanding. During his pastorate of three years and 10 months, there have been above 500 additions, almost half of

Baptist churches in Georgia, with the possible exception of some in rural communities, disciplined a member for drunkenness during 1945.

Of recent years Sunday has become another day in which business and pleasure are pursued without remorse of conscience or fear of the law. Highways are often congested with traffic, much of which is freight, which might be held over the Lord's day for delivery on a week-day. Seven persons were killed and twenty-four injured over the state last week end in traffic accidents. Trucks and driving while drunk or drinking, were involved in most of the more serious crashes. Golf links in Atlanta and over the state were crowded. Under the shadow of the towering churches in all cities throughout the Nation, movieland was visited by hundreds of thousands. Along the highways and in the suburbs of cities, road houses and other resorts did a thriving business. Far away in the greater cities of the nation, baseball and other sports drew great multitudes. From New York, where a game in the world series was being played, the game was broadcast. Through the lanes of the air one could hear the shouting of sixty thousand people or more, who were present to cheer their favorites and the team on which they had bet. When Moses came down from the mount and heard the shouting of the people as they worshipped the golden calf his "anger waxed hot" against them and their leaders. A Greater than Moses sees and hears the desecration of His day. America, as a Nation, has lost her sense of reverence and is on her way to join Ninevah and Troy.

Out in the rural sections it is not unusual to see men at work. On Sunday, September 29, we passed a group of men excavating ground for what appeared to be a gas filling station or a road house. Few things so mark the degeneracy of a nation as the desecration of the Lord's day. To the children of Israel Moses said: "Ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore: for it is holy unto you: everyone that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people."

But a far greater hindrance than any one or all these things combined is the sin of secularism. Like a killing frost it has fallen upon popular Christianity and bitten it down to the roots. Dr. John A. Mackay quotes the Zaratrustra as saying: "Redeemers must you show yourselves to be if I would believe in your Redeemer." Christians must become apostolic in experience and thrill and conviction and drive if the trend toward paganism is met and stopped. We must stand at the Cross, as the communists stood at Stalingrad, or our children's children will live in new "middle ages."—The Christian Index.



REV. JOE T. ODLE

these by baptism, the membership now being over 1,300.

Intensely missionary as well as evangelistic, the Rev. Odle's leadership at Crystal Springs is noted in the fact that the church has sent \$45,000 to missions, averaging \$1,000 per month. In this same time a building fund of \$45,000 has been built, while all the regular work has been carried on with maximum efficiency. Total gifts reached \$130,000.

The Sunday school, during his first year, averaged approximately 323 in attendance, and now records reveal above 500 average attendance. One of the most modern "baby buildings" in the state, according to elementary Sunday school experts, is under construction. The full graded W.M.U. being rated as one of the best pastor's wives in this section. The Odles have two children, Joe Thomas, Jr., 12, and Sarah Ann, eight years of age.

Rev. Odle came to Crystal Springs from East Church, in Paducah, Ky., after serving as pastor in several Kentucky and Indiana cities. He received his college training at Union University, and attended the Southern Seminary. Both Rev. and Mrs. Odle are children of preachers. She is also a graduate of Union University.

The love and esteem in which Crystal Springs holds Rev. and Mrs. Odle is reflected in the fact that they had planned to give him the trip to the Baptist World Alliance this summer. Also, "they have followed his leadership with 100 per cent cooperation as he sought to challenge them to greater heights" according to one who has studied the pastorate in the Copiah city. While Rev. Odle stressed efficiency and progressiveness in his church, he nevertheless was wholly dedicated to a "separate life" for Christians, and set the example in his personal living. His interest in the Youth for Christ work in Mississippi's capitol city has been evidenced by the encouragement he has given the youth leaders, and by the fact that Crystal Springs' octet, which won the Baptist state award, has been featured as one of the most popular in the Saturday night youth rallies repeatedly.

The community life as a whole claimed his interest, and his civic mindedness marked him as an all round citizen. The people at Crystal Springs accepted his resignation with deep regret.

The Christians along the coast will welcome the new Gulfport pastor, and many are predicting that this great church will take its place among the Missionary groups in the State.

Dr. T. W. Green, Wesson, has resigned the pastorate of Strong Hope Church, Copiah County.